

Does it feel like 2019 was about seven years of news cycles crammed into 365 short days? That can't be just us. In Humboldt County, it was a year filled with conflict and hope, discord and solidarity, miracle and tragedy. As we collectively turn the page to a new year and a new decade, here's our look back at the top 10 stories of 2019, presented in no particular order. Did we get it wrong? Did we miss something? Let us know, either in the online comments or by sending a letter to the editor to letters@northcoastjournal.com. See you in 2020. Humboldt County, CA | FREE Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019 Vol. XXX Issue 52 northcoastjournal.com

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The Time is Now

**By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill
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On this very page, we closed 2018 by noting it would be remembered as the year it became increasingly clear the president of the United States “repeatedly puts personal gain over all else, the rule of law be damned.”

As 2019 comes to a close, we’ve seen more than enough to take that a step further: History will forever remember 2019 as the year Donald Trump became just the third president in our nation’s history to be impeached and 2020 should be the year he becomes the first to be removed from office.

As this edition of the *Journal* went to press, House Democrats and Senate Republicans were engaged in a standoff over the potential rules of a Senate trial, with Democrats trying to use what leverage they have to push Senate leadership to hold an actual trial with actual witnesses, rather than a mere charade designed to unearth no new facts and keep the president exactly where he is. Democrats are right to hold firm and we urge all Senate Republicans to take a look in the mirror and think long and hard about how they want history to remember them.

There are myriad ways in which Trump is thoroughly unfit for office and his character has been laid more than bare over his three years in the White House. He’s shown himself to be a racist, ableist troll who mocks war heroes and widows, alike, while praising war criminals and dictators, and takes a transactional approach to life. He’s been credibly accused of sexual harassment or sexual assault by at least 17 women. There’s also plenty of evidence he has engaged in criminal conduct. Just this year, he became an unindicted alleged co-conspirator in the crime that his former

personal lawyer is now serving a prison sentence for — for those who have lost track amid the sea of his associates’ guilty pleas and verdicts, that’s Michael Cohen’s paying off a porn star to keep quiet about an alleged affair just days before the 2016 election — and he admitted he’d defrauded his own charity and agreed to personally pay a \$2 million settlement.

One could argue all of that is more than enough reason to remove a president but this Ukraine affair is cut from a different cloth entirely.

With Ukraine, Trump didn’t merely cheat the system to get elected or try to line his own pockets, he allegedly used the power of the presidency and of the U.S. Treasury to aid his bid to stay in power while jeopardizing an ally and our own national security. That’s the picture painted by testimony from eight witnesses — all Trump appointees — during the House impeachment inquiry.

Now there’s a lot of noise out there right now about process, a lack of fact witnesses and bloodthirsty Democrats who have wanted to see Trump impeached since the moment he took office. That’s because the people making those arguments are afraid of the facts and would simply rather not talk about them.

After all, if Senate Republicans really felt Trump did nothing wrong — either because there’s no problem in leveraging \$391 million in congressionally approved security assistance and a White House visit to pressure an ally to publicly announce investigations into a political foe and a debunked conspiracy theory created to raise doubt about whether Russia intervened in 2016 to help Trump get elected, or because he didn’t actually do it — wouldn’t they be champing at the bit to subpoe-

na acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, former National Security Advisor John Bolton, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Office of Management and Budget official Michael Duffey because their testimony would exonerate the president? Of course they would.

But fact-witnesses can’t exonerate a guilty man, which is why Trump ordered federal officials not to comply with subpoenas in the House inquiry. From the testimony of those who have defied Trump’s orders, the picture is clear and damning.

A U.S. ally came to Trump to ask for help in the form of a White House visit that would send a clear message to the world that our nation stands with Ukraine in the face of a Russian invasion. The president responded by not only asking Ukraine to smear the Democratic candidate who was then the frontrunner to challenge him in 2020 and to further a Russia-created conspiracy theory designed to deflect blame for 2016, but by also withholding bi-partisan Congressionally approved aid.

The president of the United States didn’t hesitate to use the vast power of his office and this nation to further his own interests while ignoring our national interests. If not removed, he’ll do it again.

The time is now. ●

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Demonstrators march past the 10 Window Williams building in Old Town during a 2018 immigration protest. *Mark McKenna*



Terra-Gone

Editor:

The rejected Terra-Gen Wind Farm was the only project capable of coming online quickly enough to help mitigate Humboldt County's green house gas emissions as we do not have years to design and approve another project of that size quickly ("Supes Deny Controversial Wind Project," Dec. 19). Wiyot sacred land is preserved but as was commented at the meeting, "All the land is sacred."

All of Humboldt County was Indian land, there is no land where ancestors' bones are not buried. By that criteria, forget about any mitigating power sources anywhere in the county, solar, wind or other.

Also, China not only emits twice the greenhouse gasses of the United States, they are building thousands of new coal power plants. They are also building 300 new coal plants in other countries along the silk road and elsewhere. That said, India is the fastest growing green house gas emitter in the world, with emissions rising 5 percent over just the last year. Brazil is emphasizing economic development by cutting down the Amazon at a breathtaking rate and no sign of ceasing.

We can preserve sacred land, though you'll shortly burn to a crisp on that land and the formerly productive rivers will not have fish in a few short years.

I suggest activists go to China, if they'll let you in, and protest the thousands of coal plants they are building domestically and in other countries in their aggressive bid to expand political influence. Perhaps they'll give you a choice of sharing

Last Days of Fall

Sun dances along tree tops
Encouraging the darkness,
As I walk uphill
Past endless Sword Ferns
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— Kirk Gothier

a cell with one of the thousands of Hong Kong protesters, perhaps you'll get lucky and be assigned a cell in a Uighur "re-education" camp instead. We lost the war. Just make sure you have plenty of sunscreen.

John Dillon, Eureka

Editor:

I listened to our community voice feelings on the Terra-Gen project

with a deep sense of sadness. Over time, as issues come and go, our community has gotten to know each other very well. We can all speak eloquently on our forests and wildlife. We know to insist that local labor be included in projects. We have learned the feelings and respect the peoples who have come here before us.

But as I listened to the reasons given for opposing a wind project, I could only see the same forces in play as what happens internationally. Sadly, even Humboldt has failed to respond to the threat of climate change, which far surpasses anything that we as individuals, cultures and a species have ever seen before.

For 11 years I was an observer in the international UNFCCC climate negotiations. I witnessed the disappointment of Copenhagen and the elation of the Paris Agreement, when the world finally acknowledged that every single party needs to set aside their own reasons for opposition, give something up and painfully contribute their share for the greater good of the whole.

Communities all over the world, from teeming cities in Asia, to rural villages in Africa, to Indigenous cultures in island nations, rainforests and far arctic regions already suffer climate impacts. Yet even they agreed to contribute what they could through their national pledges.

No project will ever be perfect. But replacing fossil fuels at scale is the most urgent action we can take. I saw this as Humboldt's chance for our diverse communities to collectively cede a bit on the particular aspect they care about, and feel pride in making a contribution, for the

good of themselves, their families and the rest of the planet.
I'm sorry, Greta.

Andrea Tuttle, Arcata

Editor:

To combat the terrifying acceleration of global warming Greta Thunberg begged us, "Do something now!"

Humboldt County just turned down a wind power project the effects of which would have equaled taking more than 80,000 gasoline-burning cars off the road.

Gordon Inkeles, Bayside

Editor:

I once thought it strange that the roadblock to Terra-Gen would be the Wiyot Tribe. They steadfastly refused any compromise to allow wind turbines on land they now say is sacred. Revenge is sweet. They learned from the Europeans who decimated them a century and half ago: don't give an inch, take no prisoners.

It'll be a pyrrhic victory. Within a few decades, Tuluwat Island, recently deeded back to the Wiyots as it should have been, will be underwater.

But I fault supervisors most. Perhaps plagued by guilt for what Europeans did long ago, supervisors voted to sacrifice our grandchildren's future to protect sacred arrowheads hidden somewhere on the Russ Ranch.

Young people the world over have been at the forefront of halting the climate crisis. With a different outlook here, most of the young who spoke at the supervisors' hearing opposed Terra-Gen. Even HSU students drank the Kool-Aid. They must know by now that those who are young now will suffer most from the climate crisis.

Decades, not even seven generations from now, after fire has scorched Bear River Ridge again and again so that it looks like Baja California, I wonder if those young folks by then turned old will remember the day they shouted down a solution to the climate crisis.

John Schaefer, Arcata

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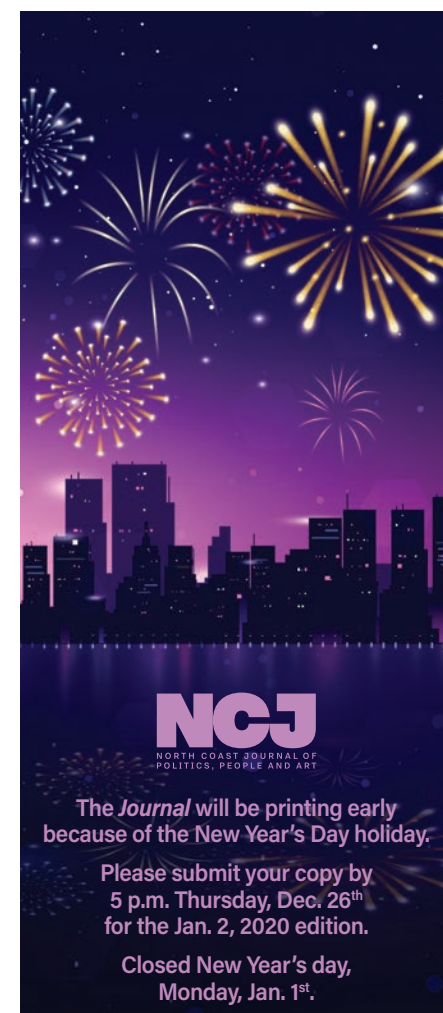
A letter in the Dec. 19, 2019 edition of the *North Coast Journal* included an editor's note that was written in error due to a miscommunication between *Journal* editors and columnist David Wilson. The note explained that Wilson reported he'd been in touch with the letter writer, Jeni Sue Wilburn, to discuss Wilburn's belief that Wilson had misidentified a star in his Nov. 28 column "Lost in Space." We've

now learned that Wilson had been in touch with a different reader on the same subject but not Wilburn, but he maintains that the astrological identification in the Nov. 28 column is accurate. The *Journal* regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

In the same Dec. 19, 2019, issue, the story headlined "Supes Deny Controversial Wind Project" also included an error. In one instance, the names of Monument Ridge and Bear River Ridge were reversed. It is Bear River Ridge that is known as *Tsakiyuwit* by the Wiyot Tribe and is revered as a sacred ancestral prayer site. The *Journal* regrets the error.

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‘The Weight of History’

Huffman reflects on historic impeachment vote

By Thadeus Greenson
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It was a day North Coast Congressman Jared Huffman had long been pushing and waiting for, but when Dec. 18 came and the U.S. House of Representatives readied to vote on articles of impeachment for President Donald Trump, it was a bit strange.

“It has been quite an odyssey,” said Huffman, who was one of the first members of Congress to begin calling on

Congressman Jared Huffman speaks at a campaign event for Beto O’Rourke.
Photo by JD Lasica



colleagues to launch an impeachment inquiry and co-sponsored Articles of Impeachment introduced in February of 2018. “Wednesday was a little bit surreal in the sense that it was one of those huge, momentous days — the weight of history

was weighing on everybody — and yet it was also one of those hurry up and wait things. We didn’t have a lot to do.”

The one thing on Huffman’s to-do list that day — other than voting in favor of articles of impeachment charging Trump

with abusing the power of his office and obstructing Congress — was to write the one-minute speech House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had afforded each member to make one last argument for or against making Trump just the third president in the

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nation's history to be impeached and face removal from office in a Senate trial.

"That took up a big part of my day, really," Huffman told the *Journal*. "It takes longer than you think to write a one-minute speech when you think the whole world is watching and your kids and grandkids will read this. I had one minute to explain myself. A lot of members just kind of regurgitated talking points. I don't think that adds much value so I wanted to throw away those talking points and speak to what I believe this moment is all about."

Here's what he came up with:

"Madam Speaker, as we take this solemn, necessary step of impeaching President Trump, my Republican colleagues have made up their minds; we can't persuade them to do the right thing. So, I address my remarks to the future. Because today's vote will be judged by future generations including my precious children Abby and Nathan. Maybe grandkids.

"Historians will study what members of this Congress did when our democracy was tested like never before by a president who put personal interests above country; who compromised national security to cheat his way to re-election; and

when caught, not only lied and refused to admit wrongdoing, but flouted Congress' authority. He even called the Constitutional impeachment mechanism 'unconstitutional.'

"Historians will marvel how some members continued to stand by this man; how they put blind partisan loyalty — or fear of Donald Trump — above their duty to defend the Constitution; how they made absurd partisan arguments and tried to obstruct these proceedings; and how, instead of pushing back when their party fell under a dark spell of authoritarianism, they embraced it — as if the Constitution, the rule of law, and our Oath of Office mean nothing.

"So, Madam Speaker, for our future generations, our children, and the judgment of history, let me be clear: I stand with our Constitution, with the rule of law, and our democracy. I'll be voting 'yes' to impeach Donald J. Trump."

The final votes — 230-197 on abuse of power and 229-198 on obstruction of Congress — fell almost entirely along party lines with no Republicans voting to impeach the president. Democrat Collin Peterson of Minnesota also voted against

impeachment and Democrat Jared Golden voted yes on abuse of power but no on obstruction. Former Democrat Jeff Van Drew, of New Jersey, also voted against both articles just days before announcing he was switching party affiliations.

Huffman said he was impressed by the "incredible poise and courage" that "vulnerable frontline Democrats," including some freshmen just elected in districts Trump carried in 2016, showed in the vote.

"In some ways, the defection of a moral jellyfish like Jeff Van Drew makes their example even more impressive," he said.

While noting that he's a "rank-and-file" representative who doesn't have a seat on the judiciary or intelligence committees, Huffman said he feels he was able to help move the needle on impeachment both with some colleagues and the public by being persistently outspoken on the issue. Saying he's not one of those representatives who is "always at the microphone," Huffman said word got out to cable news producers, newspaper reporters and editors that he was willing to publicly make the case for impeachment, which he did repeatedly.

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A vociferous critic of Donald Trump from the first days of his presidency, North Coast Congressman Jared Huffman spent part of the recent federal government shutdown picking up “Trump trash” in a national park in his district. *Submitted*

Back in June, the *Journal* ran a long interview with Huffman (“The Case for Impeachment”) in which he argued the House should launch an impeachment inquiry looking at four things: Trump’s alleged violations of the emoluments clause of the Constitution; his alleged obstruction of the Russia investigation; his alleged abuse of power in overriding national security officials to grant security clearances to members of his family; and his alleged violation of campaign finance laws in 2016 when he allegedly orchestrated a six-figure payout to keep a porn star from speaking publicly about an alleged affair, or as Huffman put it, “the stuff (Trump’s former attorney) Michael Cohen is sitting in a prison cell for doing at Trump’s direction.”

Then came what Huffman called Trump’s “most egregious misconduct,” the Ukraine scandal, in which Trump pressured U.S. ally Ukraine by withholding a promised White House visit and \$391 million in Congressionally approved security assistance in exchange for public announcements that the country was launching investigations into both the conspiracy theory that it, not Russia, had meddled in the 2016 election and the debunked corruption allegations against Joe Biden, then the Democratic frontrunner to challenge Trump in 2020. Trump has argued he did nothing wrong by pressuring Ukraine to investigate “corruption” but has insisted there was no quid pro quo, talking points Republican members of Congress have largely echoed.

There was reportedly a divide within the Democratic caucus as Pelosi mulled what articles of impeachment to bring to the floor for a vote.

“I am certainly in the camp of wanting to hold Trump fully accountable for the full range of misconduct,” Huffman said,

adding that he feels the reported divisions in the party are overstated. “These are all impeachable offenses. These are all things he should be held accountable for. But politics is the art of the possible.”

Looking back on the few months since news of the Ukraine scandal broke, Huffman said it’s been like “an anthropology study” watching Republicans, some of whom initially seemed troubled by the fact that Trump had asked a foreign president to investigate his political rival, rally around the president and the talking points spewed by right-wing pundits, which included more attacks on the inquiry’s process than defenses of Trump’s conduct or exculpatory evidence.

“It was such a fascinating and frankly distressing demonstration of groupthink,” he said. “Fox News and the administration — these echo chambers — gave (members of Congress) cover and they all kind of gradually got comfortable with that.”

Moving forward, Huffman said he’s interested to see what happens in the Senate with “the few Senators who haven’t fully drunken the Kool-Aid.” While still hoping the trial will end with Trump’s removal from office, Huffman said whatever happens, he feels the House did what the Constitution demanded of it.

“Even if Trump survives the Senate trial, which he is likely to do, this has really highlighted for the American people the deep corruption and lawlessness and the pattern of cheating that is Donald Trump,” he said.

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Yurok Tribe Takes 'First Step' in Energy Vision

The Yurok Tribe celebrated the installation of a solar power system Dec. 19 and announced that another is being planned as part of a vision to bring electricity to the families in the Weitchpec and Pecwan areas who do not have access to the grid.

According to a release, the 28 kW photovoltaic system was grant funded and is a "first step" in fulfilling the Tribe's energy vision, which seeks to ensure all members in Yurok Ancestral Territory "have access to reliable, affordable, modern, cost-effective energy services" as well as "promotes energy self-sufficiency, environmental sustainability, use of local renewable resources, job creation, and economic opportunity."

"To date, roughly 40 percent of the families living within the Weitchpec and Pecwan districts do not have access to grid electricity," the release states. "Most of these residents get their electricity from gas or diesel-powered generators,

which pose health risks for residents, pollute the environment, and cost up to four times more than conventional grid electricity."

The Yurok Tribe is also planning to install a 24 kW photovoltaic system on the Tulley Creek Firehouse, the release states, and both projects were done in partnership with the Schatz Energy Research Center of Humboldt State University.

Likewise, the microgrid system of the Blue Lake Rancheria was built in collaboration with the Schatz Energy Research Center and proved to be an island in the Public Safety Power Shutoff storms that hit the region in October.

With the power running, the Rancheria was able to not only keep its hotel up and running, but it also gassed up thousands of vehicles, distributed thousands of bags

of ice and opened a community respite center that allowed people to charge their phones and medical devices.

Chris Marnay, a senior scientific fellow at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, who wrote the definition of microgrid that is used by the U.S. Department of Energy, told CalMatters that these systems are only going to be more and more important to California in the future.

"California is a bit behind the curve," Marnay said in the CalMatters article. "The fires are going to be our Superstorm Sandy. They are going to bring about change."

Hurricane Sandy lashed the East Coast in 2012, leaving millions of customers in 21 states without power for days and weeks. The superstorm's aftermath brought about policy changes in several states in the Northeast. Connecticut became the

first in the country to create a statewide system of microgrids to provide emergency power.

Marnay and others noted that a microgrid research project also kept operating after a magnitude 9.1 earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan in 2011 and knocked out power. The project, at a local university, performed well in the wake of the twin disasters, cementing the idea that independent power systems could maintain service in emergencies.

"It was a complete wake-up call," Marnay said. "It woke up policymakers. The genie got out of the bottle, and (it) wasn't just energy nerds such as myself interested in microgrids."

— Kimberly Wear and CalMatters

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All Lit Up



Ferndale shows its holiday spirit on Main Street. POSTED 12.24.19. READ THE FULL STORY ONLINE. David Wilson

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Safe Landing: Robert Dorris of Eureka, who had been considered missing after his boat, *Free Spirit*, was spotted underway off Fort Bragg with what appeared to be no crew aboard, sailed into Humboldt Bay the next day and docked his vessel after a rough trip that had kept him below deck. POSTED 12.18.19

Crab Season On: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife announced last week the news so many had been waiting to hear: The commercial crab season for Humboldt County will start Dec. 31 after being delayed twice due to skimpy crustaceans. POSTED 12.20.19

Fatal Crash: Teiwaz Steenblock-Smith, 32, of Willow Creek, and Jamie Mae Sanchez, 44, of Eureka, were killed in a head-on crash on U.S. Highway 101 near Benbow on the morning of Dec. 18. Two dogs also died. POSTED 12.19.19

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State Agency Recommends Cannabis Tax Overhaul

By Thadeus Greenson
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When it comes to California's cannabis tax system, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office just sent a crystal clear message to the state Legislature: You're doing it all wrong.

In a long-awaited bombshell report released last week, the LAO recommended a major overhaul of the current system, which it described as overly complex and burdensome. But the report also warned that revisions to the state tax code alone will not make regulated cannabis cheaper than what's available on the illicit market.

"Under current market conditions, changes in the state tax rate likely would not make legal cannabis less expensive than illicit cannabis," the report states. "Even if the state eliminated its cannabis taxes entirely, other costs — such as regulatory compliance costs and local taxes — likely would keep legal cannabis prices higher than illicit market prices."

But the LAO — which was tasked with assessing how cannabis taxes could be tweaked to undercut the illicit market, while also discouraging youth consumption and generating enough revenue to adequately fund the state's oversight of the legal industry — identified a few things it says could make a big impact.

Specifically, the report recommends doing away with the weight-based cultivation tax, potentially replacing the 15 percent excise tax with a levy based on product potency and simplifying tax collection by having all taxes collected at the point of sale. (The current system has taxes imposed at virtually all steps of production, from cultivation to checkout.) A potency-based tax, the report suggests, could impose \$0.006 to \$0.009 per milligram of THC. If the goal is competing with the illicit market, the report advises, lawmakers should impose a tax on the lower end, but if the priority is keeping cannabis out of kids' hands, it says, they should go with the higher levy to bring in more money for enforcement.

And that's the crux of the problem. In making its recommendations, the LAO made clear it was trying to balance somewhat competing interests — undercutting the price point of the illicit market and making sure the state brings in enough revenue to fund enforcement and oversight.

Those are essentially competing interests.

The bottom line is that someone who trespasses onto a property, steals water from a nearby stream and wildly sprays pesticides will be able to sell their product cheaper than their counterparts who pay property taxes, have onsite water storage and grow a product good enough to pass the state's myriad testing requirements. Even a tax-free system isn't going to shift that paradigm, though it would certainly make the price points a bit more competitive.

State Assemblymember Tom Lackey made the point to *Marijuana Business Daily* that all the oversight and enforcement funds in the world won't matter if there's a plethora of cannabis available on the illicit market. But the flip side of that argument is that the vast majority of the cannabis produced in California is grown illegally and that's unlikely to change without a well-funded effort to go after illegal farms.

From a Humboldt County-centric perspective, it seems clear a simplified tax structure that lowers the burden on cultivators is preferable. The bottom line is that, while 2019 was reportedly better than the first of legalization, farms continue to struggle to make ends meet and tax reform would help, especially considering taxes are already slated to increase in 2020.

On a related note, earlier this month, state regulators raided dozens of unlicensed cannabis shops in Los Angeles, the state's first large-scale crackdown of illicit storefronts to date. Investigators served search warrants on two dozen shops and reported seizing \$8.8 million in products — including nearly 10,000 vape pens, according to a report in the *Los Angeles Times*.

If the state really wants to rein in the illicit market, actions like these seem the logical place to start. After all, while it's hard if not impossible to turn the tide of cannabis flowing across state lines to more lucrative markets, regulators should be able to keep unlicensed shops from opening up across the street from legal ones. ●

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Top 10 Stories of 2019

By NCJ Staff

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Does it feel like 2019 was about seven years of news cycles crammed into 365 short days? That can't be just us. In Humboldt County, it was a year filled with conflict and hope, discord and solidarity, miracle and tragedy. As we collectively turn the page to a new year and a new decade, here's our look back at the top 10 stories of 2019, presented in no particular order. Did we get it wrong? Did we miss something? Let us know, either in the online comments or by sending a letter to the editor to letters@northcoastjournal.com. See you in 2020, Humboldt. Thanks for making us a part of your 2019.



Mark McKenna

Sisters in the Woods

It was the weekend Humboldt County stood still. For more than a day, it seemed like the entire county and swaths of the nation waited with rapt attention to hear news about the missing Benbow sisters Leia and Caroline Carrico, 8 and 5, respectively. Forty-four hours after they were last seen, the chances of locating them safely having dimmed considerably after they spent another night lost in the woods, a miracle happened: They were found. Safe.

On Friday, March 1, the sisters wanted "a bit more of an adventure" and wandered into an 80-acre forest neighboring their home to follow deer tracks. Walking farther than they expected, the girls realized they were lost. By then, their mother had already discovered they were missing and a frantic search to find them had begun.

By the next morning, much of the county was on the lookout. Social media posts were shared and missing persons signs made, while search and rescue teams deployed at the break of dawn. Meanwhile, an investigative team was tasked with looking for signs of foul play. The FBI and California Highway Patrol were also standing by to receive news of a possible abduction. Multiple detectives were following credible leads across multiple jurisdictions over a 36-hour period with little to no sleep. Around 270

volunteers and 15 agencies from 17 counties, some from as far as south of Santa Clara County and east of Placer County, aided in the search to find them. No stone went unturned.

Using skills learned from their Miranda 4-H troop and advice from their parents, the girls hunkered down and managed to survive two nights in the cold darkness of the forest until a pair of volunteers found them.

It was indeed, as Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal put it, "a miracle."

—Iridian Casarez



Jacqui Langeland

Tuluwat's Return

It was standing room only in Eureka's Adorni Center, which was filled with community sentiment and solidarity, as residents witnessed a historic moment of reparation and repatriation. A standing ovation filled the cavernous room Oct. 24 as the Eureka City Council passed a motion to freely return the sacred island of Tuluwat to the Wiyot Tribe. (Formerly called Duluwat, the tribe changed the island's name to Tuluwat after a sacred village site there.)

The tribe considers Tuluwat Island the center of the universe, a place with the power to bring balance to all else.

The unprecedented decision is part of an effort to make amends for when the island was stolen from the tribe on the night

of Feb. 26, 1806. During the tribe's World Renewal Ceremony, a group of armed white men invaded the island and slaughtered Wiyot elders, women and children while they slept and the Wiyot men were away gathering supplies, becoming Humboldt County's bloodiest massacre.

After two years of negotiations with the tribe, the city of Eureka made history as the only municipality in the U.S. to voluntarily return land back to a Native tribe without an accompanying sale, lawsuit or court order.

Native people and allies hope the historic event will prove to be the starting point of discussions locally and nationally, having set a precedent for other municipalities to follow in returning lands to the tribes they were stolen from.

—Iridian Casarez



Courtesy of Humboldt State University

New Man on Campus

It's hard to overstate the damage Humboldt State University President Lisa Rossbacher left in her wake when she walked off campus and into retirement in June. Her five-year presidency was defined by budget cuts, declining enrollment, allegations she didn't do enough to protect and support students of color and a series of controversial decisions to gut community institutions — KHSU, the school's football program and Third Street Gallery among them — that widened the town-gown divide.

Into the fray stepped Tom Jackson Jr., who started in July as HSU's eighth — and first black — president. From the moment he stepped on campus fresh off a four-year tenure helming Black Hills State University in South Dakota, the 59-year-old Jackson has been a vocal, forward-looking cheerleader for the university. The career administrator has pointed to HSU's ability to recruit and retain students — and a related student housing shortage — as the university's biggest immediate challenges. He's also pledged to bring an almost myopically student-centered approach to running the university.

Early returns from campus have been largely positive but it's clear HSU is at a

critical juncture and history will look back on 2019 as either a turning point or a missed opportunity. Either way, Jackson's presidency promises to be a pivotal one.

—Thadeus Greenson



Mark Larson

Lawson Case

"I'm not going anywhere," Charmaine Lawson said in February after a Humboldt County criminal grand jury decided not to indict anyone in the case of her slain son David Josiah Lawson. Since his stabbing at an off-campus party on April 15, 2017, Charmaine Lawson has vowed to continue to keep returning to the county until she finds justice for her son.

It was supposed to be the year of hope and justice for David Josiah Lawson's case, as 2018 closed with the Arcata Police Department — after months of investigation — handing it over to Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming. But after a quietly convened criminal grand jury — that focused in on Kyle Zoellener, the McKinleyville man who was initially arrested as a suspect in the stabbing — decided not to indict anyone, the case went back to the Arcata Police Department for further investigation.

Along with supporters, Charmaine Lawson decried the grand jury's decision in a series of protests, demanding that the case be turned over to the California Attorney General's Office. In April, Fleming formally requested that the AG handle any future prosecution of the case as a response to Charmaine Lawson and what Fleming deemed a public perception tainted by "misinformation" in media coverage — alluding in part to the *Journal's* reporting of interim Arcata Police Chief Richard Ehle's saying APD's investigation had found "unequivocal physical evidence" linking a specific suspect to Lawson's death.

The California Attorney General's Office, however, announced earlier this month that it was declining to take the case, saying it did not find any evidence of "an abuse of discretion" by Fleming.

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Charmaine Lawson nonetheless remains determined to find closure. “I will get Justice for my son,” she wrote in a Facebook post celebrating the third annual Justice for Josiah Coat Drive.

—Iridian Casarez



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Impeachment and the Ascendance of Jared Huffman

Nationally, 2019 will surely be remembered as the year that — for just the third time in our nation's history — the U.S. House of Representatives impeached the president.

On Dec. 18, the House voted almost entirely along partisan lines to pass two articles of impeachment charging President Donald Trump with abusing his office and obstruction of Congress stemming from his attempts to pressure Ukraine into announcing investigations of the Bidens and the 2016 election, and then refusing to comply with House investigative subpoenas. In the New Year, Trump will stand trial in the Senate, which will decide whether to remove him from office.

North Coast Representative Jared Huffman, despite his rural district and relatively recent arrival on Capitol Hill, has proven a prominent voice in the national impeachment conversation. One of the first lawmakers to argue the House should launch an impeachment inquiry (“The Case for Impeachment,” June 13), Huffman has been a vocal critic of the president and made the widespread media rounds to argue he should be held to account.

Meanwhile, with Democrats taking control of the House for the first time since he took office in 2013, Huffman seems to be making the most of majority life. A couple key committee assignments have elevated Huffman's profile and sway, as did his coming out as a non-religious humanist, making him the only sitting member of Congress who has publicly stated they don't believe in God.

Plus, as we say in newsrooms, the guy gives good quote — he recently told the

Washington Post of Pelosi's handling of impeachment: “She's juggling chainsaws and kittens and doing it seemingly with perfect composure” — all but ensuring Huffman will continue having a voice in the national conversation in 2020.

—Thadeus Greenson



Marketing Eureka

After shaking up its approach to welcoming visitors a few years earlier, the city of Eureka took the change of course full-board at the beginning of 2019.

For decades, the city had contracted with the Eureka Humboldt Visitors Bureau — formerly the Humboldt County Convention and Visitor Bureau — to market and promote the city, giving a portion of its transient occupancy tax to the cause.

But in mid-January word came that the city wanted to rebrand Eureka with a message solely focused on the city rather than as part of a group deal with the county of Humboldt and Ferndale in a campaign that largely focused on promoting the redwoods.

The stage for such a drastic change was set back in 2017, when the then city council ended its 40-year contract with the Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce to run a tourism center out of a building on Broadway.

While a final break in tradition was initially delayed following the sudden death of Tony Smithers, the visitor bureau's longtime executive director, the council ultimately followed through and set out to find Eureka a consultant to call its own.

But it was not a smooth transition.

While local nonprofit Humboldt Made seemed set to take the title after a selection process, revelations surfaced in May that staff had materially misrepresented issues with the outfit's proposal that could have excluded it from the running in the first place.

In a stunning reversal, the city council voted June 4 to reject Humboldt Made's proposal and opted to give the \$370,000 annual contract to the other finalist, Eddy Alexander, based in Virginia.

—Kimberly Wear



David Wilson

Dark Times in Humboldt

After hours of chaotic and conflicting information from PG&E, the entirety of Humboldt County went dark for 28 hours with little notice early in the morning of Oct. 9. A similarly scattered scenario played out two weeks later when the power company enacted another, even longer Public Safety Power Shutoff due to dangerous wildfire conditions in neighboring counties.

Each of the blackout announcements sent residents scrambling to withdraw cash, fill up gas tanks and buy supplies, causing long lines at gas stations, empty ATMs and cleared store shelves, in a desperate bid to stock up before the lights went out.

Still unclear is why a PG&E representative was relaying inaccurate information to the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services for so long during the second outage that started Oct. 26 — erroneously leaving public officials, emergency service personnel and residents under the impression that a third blackout was looming as October came to a close.

What became clear were the vulnerabilities Humboldt County faces as the region — and the state — face a new normal of emergency power shutoffs, even if the fire danger is hundreds of miles away. Those include being cut off from the diesel supply used to power most of the county's backup infrastructure, from cell towers and hospitals to sewage systems and water pumps.

And then there was the social and financial cost, including the residents reliant on medical equipment whose lives were at risk and those who could not work or open their businesses due to the lack of power, as well as the many already strapped households that lost the food in their fridges and freezers in back-to-back blackouts.

For some businesses, it was the final straw, causing economic losses from which there was no way to rebound.

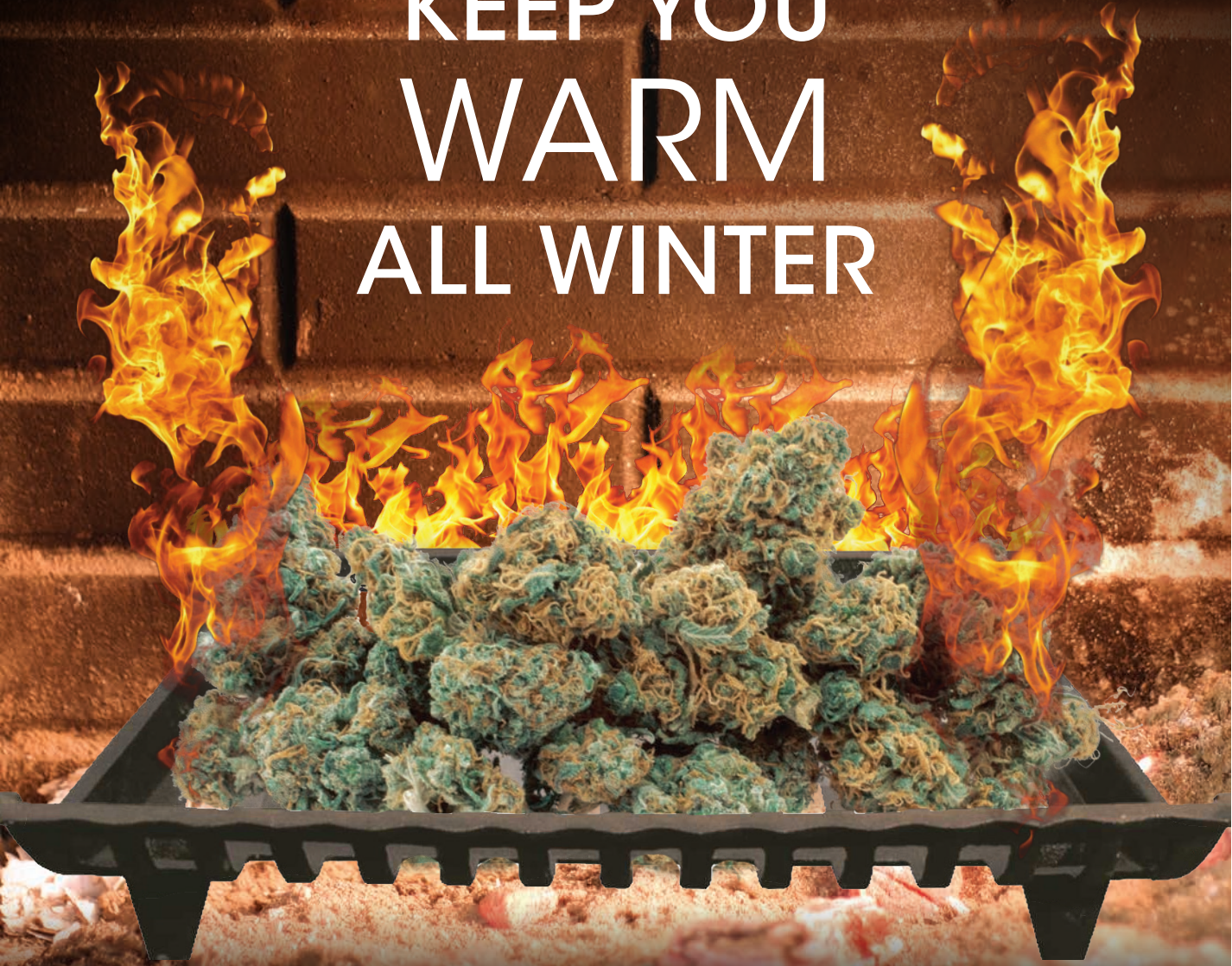
Now, with all of the uncertainty ahead in 2020, one thing seems sure: Public Safety Power Shutoffs are here to stay.

—Kimberly Wear

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Terra-Gen Turbulence

After months of emotional debate that culminated in a marathon 16-hour meeting, a proposal to build a large wind farm on the mountain ridges overlooking Rio Dell and Scotia was rejected Dec. 17 by a split board of supervisors.

The controversial Terra-Gen project had sought to build 47 turbines on the hillsides that are not only home to rare flora and fauna, but one section of which — Bear River Ridge — is a sacred ancestral prayer site of the Wiyot Tribe known as Tsakiyuwit.

What supporters saw as a concrete path to addressing the climate crisis by generating enough clean energy to power more than half of Humboldt County, opponents viewed as a “green washing,” a money-making venture for an outside company that was using fear to sell its product with proceeds going to an umbrella corporation — Energy Capital Partners — that is heavily invested in fossil fuels.

In the end, Supervisor Mike Wilson was in the swing position and, like several of his fellow board members, expressed deeply conflicted feelings over the decision before casting his vote against the project along with supervisors Estelle Fennell and Steven Madrone, while supervisors Rex Bohn and Virginia Bass cast theirs in support.

The decision came down after last-minute pitches by Terra-Gen representatives to lessen the blow of the project by promising to hire local workers, pledging to put aside more than \$2 million in remediation funds and offering \$1 million for a community endowment that would go to the Wiyot Tribe.

Wiyot elder Cheryl Seidner had a resounding response to the offer.

“There’s not enough money to do that,” Seidner said, addressing her comments directly to Terra-Gen’s representatives. “You would not sell your mother, we cannot sell our earth.”

The project did not move forward but the climate crisis will. Humboldt County’s next move is unclear.

—Kimberly Wear



Economic Decay

Whether by blackout, contraction or some other means, 2019 brutalized Humboldt County businesses. From art galleries to eateries, local establishments were squeezed hard this year and many shuttered as a result.

Piante Gallery, Black Faun Gallery, Swanlund Photo, Natural Selection, Arcata Exchange, Mazzotti’s in Old Town, Pasta Luego, Hanna, Masaki’s Mongolian Grill, Folie Douce and Big Blue Café all closed this year, as did the nationally acclaimed Fire and Light. Owners of the historic Benbow Inn filed for bankruptcy protection in September, and the iconic Loleta Cheese Factory shuttered a few months later. Even Reggae on the River — the three-day music festival fundraiser that used to keep the Mateel Community Center’s doors open throughout the year — went belly-up this year.

That’s a lot of closures.

While some of them were simply the result of owners retiring, many were due to an economic downturn that has sales tax receipts down throughout the county, even as the economy has been on the rise statewide and nationally. Most point to changes in the local cannabis economy as the culprit, noting that legal farms are facing high permitting and compliance costs, while paying a hefty tax rate that’s slimming their margins. This means less cash being spent in local stores and restaurants.

Then there were those PG&E black-outs — and the ones that were threatened but never came — that resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in losses for some businesses.

Plainly, most local business owners are probably pretty relieved to put 2019 behind them, though there’s no indication things are going to pick up in 2020, with cannabis tax hikes and additional PG&E shutoffs on the horizon.

—Thadeus Greenson

KHSU Goes Silent

With Russian composer Igor Stravinsky's "Requiem Canticles" playing on the air April 11, Humboldt State University's quirky, eclectic public radio station was unceremoniously gutted.

The selection was made by 32-year volunteer Ed Campbell, who hosted *A Wandering Ear* and had showed up at the station that day prepared for his 10 a.m. show to find his keycard no longer worked. He was reportedly let in by Vice Presi-

dent of University Advancement Craig Wruck to deliver his show.

It would be the last of KHSU's long tradition of community-based programming to broadcast.

As the requiem was playing, the station's staff and volunteers were grappling with the news that had arrived



earlier that morning at a staff meeting called by Wruck to inform them of sweeping changes — including the "indefinite suspension" of community-based shows and the elimination of most staff.

The two staffers left standing would soon resign in protest. In less than

48 hours, the KHSU that the community had known and supported for decades was gone. For a brief bit, programming from Chico State University's station was used to fill the air space along with some syndicated fare.

Currently, management of the station is under a month-to-month operating contract with Sacramento-based Capital Public Radio.

—Kimberly Wear ●

Top 10 Dick Moves of 2019

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

In the final weeks of the decade, instead of a plague of locusts, a beach full of floppy, pink innkeeper worms, aka "penis fish," washed ashore at Bodega Bay. We get it, universe/God/all-powerful being/Baby Yoda: so many dicks. Here in Humboldt, we had our own tide of dick moves, with local actors making more than enough unnecessarily selfish, petty and eye roll-inducing choices to cover our shores. Here are the ones that irked us most.

10 The Eureka Street Art Festival brought more color to the city in July and August, including a mellow Bigfoot by Dave Van Patten. Then some tool with a can of spray paint wrote, "Go back to LA" and "real street art" over it in a middling composition. Dicky stuff. This is likely the most attention your work will ever get and that's all you have to say? Also, if you have to tell everybody you're the real thing, hon, you aren't.

9 Humboldt's wilds can be unforgiving. Even less charitable at times are its online comments. Responding to missing hikers, drownings and near drownings by ranting about how dumb the victims are in your estimation is a heartless dick move. Nature is always trying to kill us and knowing slightly more about evading its dangers doesn't make you better than anybody else. Maybe it makes you feel a little more in control in a chaotic world. But as Olympia Dukakis says in *Moonstruck*, "No matter what you do, you're gonna die just like everybody else."

8 In his Here's a Thought column in the *Times-Standard*, Tim Martin dispensed mothball-scented cultural observations and scolding opinions filled with folksy anecdotes. He shared gems of Everyman wisdom like why gay pride parades should

tone it down and how Mister Rogers raised a generation of wimps. The latter just missed deadline for last year's Dick Moves. But in March, a reader alerted the paper that his personal stories about neighbors and uncles were lifted and lightly tweaked from Reddit threads. Editor Marc Valles rightly dropped Martin with a thud, announcing in a column, "We're done here." Plagiarism, boys and girls, is a dick move.

7 At first, it seemed like an accident. But when I put my aromatherapy neck warmer in the microwave for 11 and a half minutes instead of one and a half — setting the terrycloth aflame and reducing it to a smoldering, black lump — did some part of me want to fill the *Journal's* office with the eye-reddening smell of burnt rice? Was I purposely flavoring everyone's warmed burritos with my acrid pain, the same brimstone rage at the state of the world that had caused my neck to seize up like an overcooked steak? Yeah, sounds like me. And like a real dick move.

6 Making a dick move over a pole is a little on the nose but Fortuna City Councilmember Dean Glaser isn't subtle. Unless you count his ability to discern radical leftist messaging from an art pole that reads, "Believe there is good in the world." Glaser railed against the public art project proposal at a March meeting, proclaiming, "I don't need to be driving down Main Street and seeing it in front of the Monday Club. It's going to tick me off. I don't like this kind of political statement." He also compared it to building a mosque at the World Trade Center site, in case anyone was wondering about his Islamophobia. Just — dick move, man.

5 In April, Allen McCloskey responded to a barn burner of a story by *Lost Coast*

Potential mascot for 2020. At least someone is making the best of all these penis fish.

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ize. Acting like you do is a dick move.

2 KINS is becoming a regular on the list, this time with the dick move of bringing famed sexual harasser Bill

O'Reilly to our local airwaves by signing up for his syndicated show. With a long resume of credible accusations of harassment and assault, and settlements in the tens of millions of dollars, even Fox News finally closed its checkbook to the man who famously was recorded telling a coworker he wanted to do gross stuff to her with a "falafel." He meant "loofah" but is that any better? Either way, now you can tune in and listen to him lecture you about values.

1 And finally, the grossest, fleshiest penis fish on the beach: It would have cost St. Joseph Hospital a grand total of nothing to properly address Oliver Knight, a transgender man, and give him the appropriately coded blue surgical gown ahead of his hysterectomy. But, according to the lawsuit filed by the ACLU in March, the hospital instead chose to walk the path of dickery, ignoring Knight's medical records — which listed him as male — and refusing the correct gown, canceling the surgery and showing him the door. Congratulations on your win doing unto others like a real dick. Do better. ●

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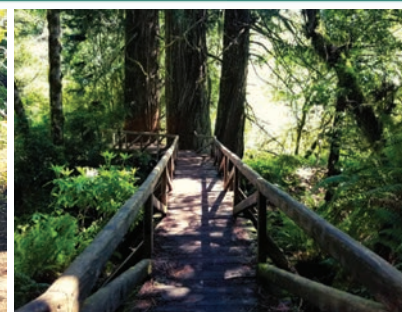


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Cheers! It's Coquito Time

A Puerto Rican coconut cocktail for the holidays

By **Andrea Juarez**

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It's the holiday season and you can make it a little merrier and a little brighter with this holiday cocktail: *coquito*.

Translated as "little coconut," coquito is the Puerto Rican cousin of eggnog. It's a deliciously creamy, rum and coconut concoction steeped with cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and vanilla. Like its counterpart, coquito is decadent. It's loaded with several tasty ingredients like coconut milk and sweetened condensed milk. And, of course, it contains a good dose of rum.

The first time I had it was on a visit to San Juan nearly two decades ago. I left the subzero temperatures of the Midwest for blue skies, sandy beaches and turquoise water. I have nostalgic memories of it — the food, hiking El Yunque National Forest and kayaking in a bioluminescent bay.

The cocktail is standard during Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations in most Puerto Rican households, along with *pasteles* (savory pastries stuffed with meat), *pernil* (roasted pork shoulder), *arroz con gandules* (rice with pigeon peas) and *tostones* (fried plantains).

A return trip to the island is long overdue. But until then, I'll make do with coquito.

As customary with all things scrumptious, there are a plethora of ways to make it. Recipes are tweaked from generation to generation and person to person for a signature twist. More traditional versions require cracking fresh coconuts and some use eggs. My recipe is more convenient and simpler, requiring canned coconut milk and nixing the eggs (I prefer not to drink raw eggs or deal with a double boiler). I add almond extract for another bold dimension. It's my version and has gotten the thumbs up from Puerto Rican and Boricua friends.

When it comes to the rum, Don Q's white rum works nicely for me but you can use your favorite brand (light or dark),

or experiment with the coconut-flavored or spiced versions.

For a more authentic Puerto Rican presentation, refrigerate the coquito in clean, recycled spirit bottles (old wine and liquor bottles are common) and give them as gifts to your host/hostess during the holidays.

If you can't be on the island for the holidays, taste it. For optimum flavor, make this at least a day ahead so it has plenty of time to chill and for the flavors to meld.

Salud!

Coquito

Many recipes call for Coco Lopez's cream of coconut but I found it to be extremely rich and sweet. Also, be sure to use the right type of cinnamon for this recipe. I use *canela*, also known as *cinna-momum verum* or Ceylon cinnamon. Its flavor is more nuanced, delicate and floral. Find it in the Latino aisle of the supermarket or Latino markets. Makes about 40 ounces (a little more than 1 liter).

Ingredients:

- 1 ¼ cup water
- 2 whole cinnamon sticks
- 5 cloves
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

- 1 can (15 ounces) coconut milk
- 1 cup white Puerto Rican rum
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Bring the water, cinnamon sticks and cloves to a boil in a small saucepan. Allow it to reduce to about ½ cup of liquid so that the flavors become concentrated. Turn off the heat and cool the mixture to room temperature for at least 15 minutes. (Note: to skip the stovetop step entirely, substitute ½ to 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon and ¼ to ½ teaspoon ground cloves and add both to ½ cup of water.)

In a pitcher, add the evaporated milk, condensed milk, coconut milk, rum, vanilla, almond extract and nutmeg. Stir well. Remove and discard the cloves from the cooled cinnamon water, then add the liquid to the rum/milk mixture and stir.

Pour the coquito into glass containers and refrigerate it overnight with the steeped cinnamon sticks. Shake well and serve cold in 4-ounce glasses. Sprinkle with nutmeg (fresh or ground) or cinnamon before serving.

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A little island cheer for Christmas and New Year celebrations.

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ARCATA PLAYHOUSE 1251 Ninth St. 822-1575			Georgia Ruth & the Reverie (live music) 8pm \$20, \$15 advance		[W] Gunsafe, Lyndsey Battle, Belles of the Levee, Dead Bird Son (country, bluegrass, folk, jazz.) 7pm \$5-\$20
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata 826-2345	Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups (blues) 8pm Free	Paula Jones Band (jazz) 8pm Free	Pete Ciotti Trio (jazz) 9pm Free		
BLONDIES FOOD AND DRINK 420 E. California Ave., Arcata 822-3453	Open Mic 7pm Free			Jazz Jam 6pm Free	
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake 668-9770		Dr. Squid (rock, dance hits) 9pm Free	Sapphire: Super Diamond (Neil Diamond tribute) 8pm \$35, \$350 VIP table/6, Wave: Eyes Anonymous ('80s music) 9pm Free	Karaoke 8pm Free	[T] Sapphire: The Undercovers — a Tribute to Queen 9pm Free, Wave: Claire Bent & Citizen Funk (funk, soul, R&B) 9pm Free [W] Compost Mountain Boys (bluegrass) 6pm Free
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville 839-2013		Karaoke w/Rock Star 9pm Free	The Undercovers (cover songs, Champagne toast at midnight) 9pm Free		[W] Karaoke w/Rockstar 9pm Free
CHER-AE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad 677-3611		Jimi Jeff & the Gypsy Band (rock n roll) 9pm Free	NightHawk (classic rock, dance) 9pm Free		[T] Jimi Jeff & Guests (New Year's Eve party) 9pm Free [W] Karaoke w/DJ Marv 8pm Free
CLAM BEACH TAVERN 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville 839-0545	Frank and Friends (blues, folk, ballads) 6-8pm Free			Anna Hamilton (blues) 6pm Free	[T] Back Seat Drivers (blues) 7-9pm Free
E&O LANES 1417 Glendale Drive, Blue Lake 825-9160					[T] New Years Eve Honky Tonk Hootenanny w/ Barn Fire and Rooster McClintock 5pm, 9pm \$10
FLDDBROOK MARKET 4636 Fieldbrook Road 633-6097		Live Music 7:30pm Free			[T] Trivia Tuesday 6-8pm

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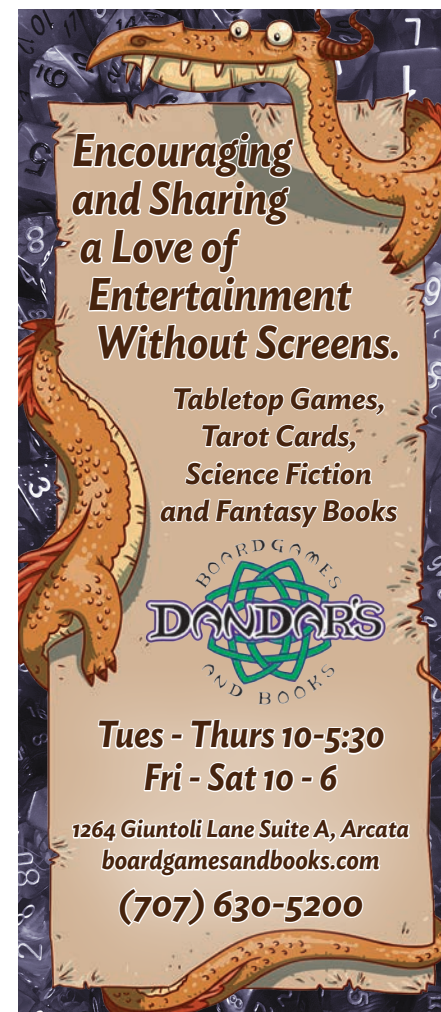
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THE GRIFFIN 937 10th St., Arcata 825-1755		LOOSE JOINTS: Last Fridays at The Griffin 9pm Free	Sexy MF'ing Saturdays at The Griffin with DJ L Boogie 9pm Free		[T] NYE 2020 at The Griffin with DJ L Boogie 9pm Free
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata 826-2739					[T] Object Heavy New Years Eve Party w/ DJ J-Riggs 9pm \$15, \$12
THE JAM 915 H St., Arcata 822-4766			The Last Getdown for Now 9pm		[T] Dan and the Americans & Spunj NYE 2020 9pm \$10
LARRUPIN CAFE 677-0230 1658 Patricks Point Dr., Trinidad		Blue Lotus Jazz 6-9pm Free		Tim Randles Jazz Piano 6-9pm Free	
LOGGER BAR 668-5000 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			Lumberhunk Queer Dance Party 9pm Free		
MAD RIVER BREWING CO. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake 668-4151					
THE MINIPLEX 401 I St., Arcata 630-5000	Goat Karaoke 9pm Free			Goat Karaoke 9pm Free	[T] New Year's Eve w/Sonido Pachanguero 9pm Free
NORTHTOWN COFFEE 1603 G St., Arcata 633-6187		Open Mic 6pm Free		Two Mic Sundays (comedy) 5pm Free	
OCEAN GROVE COCKTAIL LOUNGE 480 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad 677-3543					[M] Rudelion DanceHall Mondayz 8pm \$5
REDWOOD CURTAIN BREWING CO. 550 South G St., Arcata 826-7224					[M] Open Bluegrass Jam 7pm
SIDELINES 732 Ninth St., Arcata 822-0919	DJ Dance Party 10pm	DJ Dance Party 10pm	Dance Party w/ DJ Pressure 10pm		
SIX RIVERS BREWERY 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville 839-7580		Happy Hour w/Anna Hamilton (blues, more) 5-8pm		Trivia Night 8pm	[W] NYE 2020 Party w/DJs Gabe Pressure and Joe-E 9pm
TOBY AND JACKS 822-4198 764 Ninth St., Arcata	DJ Dance Party TBA	Dance Party w/DJ Masta Shredda TBA	Dance Party w/DJ Masta Shredda TBA		
WESTHAVEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS 501 S Westhaven Dr., 677-9493		Piet Dalmolen (solo guitar) 7:30pm \$5-\$20 sliding			



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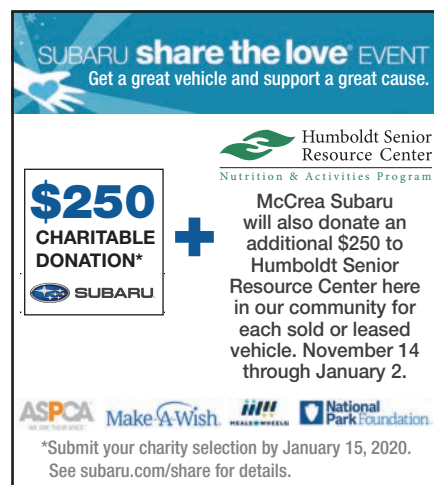
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BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta 733-9644		The Roadsters (country, rock) 9pm Free	The Roadsters (country, rock) 9pm Free		Thirsty: Gotcha Covered NYE party 9pm Free Tish-non: DJ Steal NYE party 9pm Free
BRASS RAIL BAR & GRILL 3188 Redwood Dr., Redway 923-3188	Pool Tourney 8pm			Savannah Rose 8pm (folk/country) Free	[T] Karaoke 9pm [W] Open Mic/Jam session 7pm Free
DOUBLE D STEAK & SEAFOOD 320 Main St., Fortuna 725-3700			Anna Hamilton (blues, humor) 6-9pm Free		
HISTORIC EAGLE HOUSE 139 Second St., Eureka 444-3344					[T] NYE 2020 - Intergalactic Glow Party 8pm \$45-\$75
GALLAGHER'S IRISH PUB 139 Second St., Eureka 442-1177	Trippin the Dew (Celtic) 6pm Free		Seabury Gould & Mark Jenny (blues) 6-9pm Free		
GYPPO ALE MILL 986-7700 1661 Upper Pacific Dr., Shelter Cove	Thinkin' & Drinkin' Trivia Night w/Davey G 6pm Free				[M] Gyppo NFL Pick 'Em League 3-9pm
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PALM LOUNGE - EUREKA INN, 518 Seventh St., Eureka 497-6093	Cocktail Piano 6-8pm Free The Color of Jazz 8-11pm Free	Cocktail Piano 6-8pm Free	Cocktail Piano 6-8pm Free		[T] Buddy Reed (solo blues) 7:30-10pm Free [W] Cocktail Piano 6-8pm Free
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THE SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka 442-8778	Vinyl Tap 7pm Free				[T] New Years Party w/with Blood Hunny, ChainLinks, Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes, DJ Dastbunny 9pm \$5
THE SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka 444-2244		Live Jazz and Blues 9pm Free	Jenni & David and the Sweet Soul Band (funk, soul and blues) 9pm Free		[T] The Roaring '20s NYE Celebration 9pm [W] Buddy Reed and the Rip it Ups (blues) 7:30pm Free
STONE JUNCTION BAR 923-2562 744 Redway Dr., Garberville	Upstate Thursdays 10pm				[M] Pool Tournament 8:30pm \$10 buy-in [T] NYE Roaring '20s Dance Party w/DJs Just One and Rundat 10pm
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To the Future

By Collin Yeo

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As Robert Burns wrote, “And there’s a hand, my trusty fere!/
And gie’s a hand o’thine!/
And we’ll tak a gude-willie waught/
For auld lang syne.”

Cheers.

Thursday (Boxing Day)

It’s Boxing Day today in the former British Empire. When anglophiles commemorate the glorious day that Sir William Box successfully routed the advance guard of Blumfief’s Ostrich Corps and drove the legions of flesh-hungry birds and their Flemish riders into the ocean forever. Or whatever, this is America and we don’t need to know or care about this stuff. No music tonight.

Friday

Local guitarist **Piet Dalmolen** brings the skill and expertise he regularly displays in local tribute acts The Undercovers and Money to a solo set at the Westhaven Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. (\$5-\$20 sliding scale). How does he make magic in a band-less setting? I think loops and pedals are involved, but there’s only one way to be certain.

Saturday

Local singer/songwriter **Georgia Ruth** and her backing band **The Reverie** will be playing a farewell to 2019 gig at the Arcata Playhouse tonight. Expect a soulful-vocal filled showcase of Ruth’s songbook as well as a hearty smattering of covers at 8 p.m. (\$20, \$15 advance).

Sunday and Monday

With the students out for the winter break and the days slowly reclaiming the light with a glacial pace, there isn’t anything happening on these dates that I can recommend. Rest up for the revelry.

Tuesday (New Year’s Eve)

It’s that time when people traditionally imbibe heroic amounts of intoxicants to



Belles of the Levee play the Arcata Playhouse at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Photo by Nicholas Dominic Talvola, courtesy of the artists

avoid reflecting on the course of the past year. This one’s extra-special because we all have a decade’s worth of events to try not to think about in the interest of self-preservation. For anyone who wants to write in and tell me that “Actually, the new decade starts on Jan. 1, 2021” I have prepared a brief rebuttal: “Cram it, Poin-dexter.”

Anyway, there’s a whole lot of stuff going on so let’s get busy. Instead of going chronologically, I will list these events from north to south, in the hopes that you will find something near home and not drive under the influence.

McKinleyville: Six Rivers Brewery is having a free ’80s and ’90s dance party at 9 p.m. with **DJs Pressure** and **JOE-E**. Costumes are encouraged.

Blue Lake: E & O Lanes is throwing a free honky-tonk hootenanny with a matinee show at 5 p.m. and a proper bonanza at 9:30 p.m. featuring **Rooster McClintock** and **Barn Fire** bringing the red hot country fried jams to both gigs.

Arcata: Here are four parties all going down around 9:30 p.m. Up first are two funk and jam deals right next to each other. Humbrews is hosting **Object Heavy** with special guests on a rotating stage of talent (\$15, \$12 advance) while the Jam has a big jamfest put on by **Spunj** and **Dan & the Americans** for a 10-spot. As far as DJs go, the good people at World Famous Productions are putting on a secretive electro bash at the Arcata Theatre Lounge featuring some unnamed, super-TBA talent with advance tickets going for \$10, while the Miniplex has one hell of a free cumbia and Latin dance party put on by the fantastic **DJ Sonido Pachanguero**.

Eureka: Two options await your discernment starting around 9 p.m. The Siren’s Song has a heckuva local rock show and dance party with alt-folk act **Blood Hunny**, punkers **ChainLinks** and the way-back groovy lounge stylings of **Clean Girl & the Dirty Dishes**. The whole thing is also a gothy boogiedown curated by **DJ Dastbunny** (\$5).

For the more electronically minded, the Eagle House is having a real glowstick blowout with a whole mix of DJs and artists, including **BangData**, **Marjo Lak**, **Sacre Cheu**, **Mark Starr**, **Nima G** and many more (\$35, \$50).

Wednesday (New Year’s Day)

As the Maureen McGovern song from the 1972 film *The Poseidon Adventure* goes, there’s got to be a morning after. And I certainly hope that everyone has made it here safely. If you feel up to taking in a nicely diverse, female-fronted folk gig, I suggest that you head over to the Arcata Playhouse at 7 p.m., where you will find the talented **Lyndsey Battle**, **Gunsafe** and **Belles of the Levee** holding court for the blinking newborn citizens of 2020 (\$5-\$20, sliding scale).

Full show listings in the Journal’s Music and More grid, the Calendar and online.

Bands and promoters, send your gig info, preferably with a high-res photo or two, to music@northcoastjournal.com.

Collin Yeo wishes you all fun with friends and a remembrance of good times past. He lives in Arcata and prefers he/him pronouns.

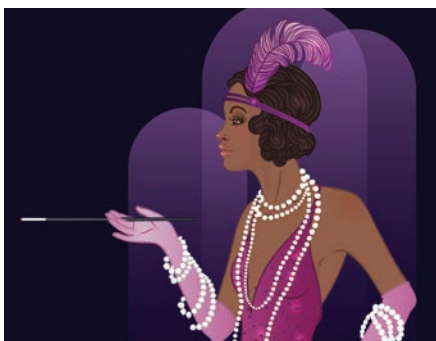
Calendar

Dec. 26, 2019 – Jan. 2, 2020



Gremlins

Coupla classic '80s fan favorites at the **Arcata Theatre Lounge** this week. **Gremlins** (1984) is playing **Friday, Dec. 27 at 8 p.m.** (\$5). Don't slosh your drinks anywhere near the adorable Mogwai or you know what'll happen. And take a break from all your teeth gnashing over *The Rise of Skywalker* and lighten up with **Spaceballs** (1987), the science fiction spoof/send up of *Star Wars*, playing **Sunday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m.** (\$5).



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The SpeakEasy is celebrating the new year with a party for everyone at **The Roaring '20s Family-Friendly Street Fair** on **Tuesday, Dec. 31**, from **4 to 9 p.m.** in **Opera Alley** with vendors, food, music and a New York (EST) countdown at 9 p.m. (free). Later, it's an adults-only **Roaring '20s** party continuing inside the SpeakEasy from **9 p.m. to 2 a.m.** with cocktails, more music and a Champagne toast at midnight.



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Renew yourself for the new year by taking a refreshing, cleansing paddle/float on the water at **The Free Community Paddle Day w/Kayak Trinidad, Wednesday, Jan. 1** from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at **Big Lagoon County Park**, (free). Bring your own boat or board or reserve one by calling 329-0085 by Dec. 30.



Object Heavy. Photo by Allison Pearson

Let it Go

Now's the time when we reflect on the last year and look forward to what the next year holds. What kind of year has it been? Well, I just today got it — why everyone is throwing Roaring '20s NYE parties. "Oh! It's because it's 2020!" Wow. The denial. Welcome to a new decade. I've been so wrapped up in the world coming to an end, I forgot the decade is over.

The final days of the decade got you under pressure? Dance, drink and play it all away at **The Undercovers - A Tribute to Queen on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.** in the **Sapphire Palace** at Blue Lake Casino (free). It's Humboldt's favorite cover band performing the music of Queen as 2019 bites the dust.

NYE 2020 - Intergalactic Glow Party shines **Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m.** at the **Historic Eagle House** (\$25-\$75). Has all the thumpin' bass and costumed, sweaty crowds you're looking for. With music by BangData, RadioActive & True Justice, Mr. Rogers, Mark Starr (DIRTYBIRD), Nima G (Trippy Ass Technologies), Sacre Cheu, DJ Soules, Marjo Lak, D'vinity and more.

For solid funk and groove get down dance action, head to **Object Heavy's New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m.** at **Humboldt Brews** (\$15, \$12). The band is grinding out original tunes with a special tribute to some of Motown's greatest records. Plus Southern Humboldt's SoulHum DJ, J-Riggs.

Join Redwood Raks, Monday Night Swing and Redwood Fusion for their **Roaring '20s New Year's Eve Dance on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.** at **Redwood Raks World Dance Studio** (\$12). This one boasts two rooms of dancing: swing and fusion. It's open for all ages with Martinelli toasts, a balloon drop, a 1920s costume contest and more good times.

— Kali Cozyris

26 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing Group. 7-9 p.m. Cheri Blackerby Gallery, 272 C St., Eureka. Chip in for the live model and hone your artistic skills. Go into the courtyard on C Street to the room on the right. \$5. 442-0309.

Playing into Transformation. 3-4:30 p.m. The Connection HPRC, 334 F St. (former Bank of America building), Eureka. Use the power of improv, somatic therapy, visualization and explorative games to fuel transformation. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. 497-9039.

COMEDY

Just Joshin' Late Night Talk Show. Last Thursday of every month, 9-11:45 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Josh Barnes runs his comedy extravaganza the last Thursday of every month. Variety shows, late night talk shows, stand-up showcases. \$5. peter@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com. 798-6333.

DANCE

Redwood Fusion Partner Dance. 7-10 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Contemporary partner dance with an improvised, lead-follow approach. A 7 p.m. lesson, 8 p.m. dancing. \$5, first time free. www.redwoodraks.com.

FOR KIDS

Trinidad Lego Club. Fourth Thursday of every month, 3-4:30 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. Calling all masterbuilders 5 and up for the Trinidad Lego Club now meeting at the Trinidad Civic Club Room on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Free. 496-6455.

Trinidad Library Toddler Storytime. 10-11 a.m. Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Court. Stories with the little ones. Free. trihuml@co.humboldt.ca.us. 677-0227.

MEETINGS

Toastmasters. Second and fourth Thursday of every month, noon. Redwood Sciences Laboratory, 1700 Bayview St., Arcata. Give and receive feedback and learn to speak with confidence. Visitors welcome.

ETC

Katie's Krafters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Arcata Senior Dining Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New members welcome. Anyone with sewing or quilting experience or who wants to learn. Free.

Standard Magic Tournament. 6-10 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Put your deck to the test. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

27 Friday

ART

Drop-in Volunteering. 1-6 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. Drop-in volunteering every Friday to help the creative reuse nonprofit. Free. volunteer@scraphumboldt.org. www.scraphumboldt.org. 822-2452.

BOOKS

Chelsea Fairless: We Should All Be Mirandas. 7-9 p.m. Northtown Books, 957 H St., Arcata. The Los Angeles-based creative director and author of *We Are All Mirandas* discusses her guide to life inspired by *Sex and the City*. info@northtownbooks.com. www.northtownbooks.com/event/chelsea-fairless-we-are-all-mirandas. 822-2834.

COMEDY

Friday Night Improv Show. 7-9:45 p.m. Old Town Coffee & Chocolates, 211 F St., Eureka. Watch or play fun improv games with audience suggestions. Clean comedy. All ages welcome. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. www.oldtowncoffeereureka.com. 497-9039.

Joe Dosch. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Dosch was a semifinalist on Comedy Central's *Roast Battle 2* and wrote for the channel's roasts of Rob Lowe, Justin Bieber and Bruce Willis. Featuring Josh Barnes and Baseball Robby. \$10. www.savagehenrymagazine.com.

DANCE

Baile Terapia. Last Friday of every month, 7-8 p.m. The MGC, 2280 Newburg Road, Fortuna. Paso a Paso hosts dance therapy. Free. www.ermgc.com. 725-3300.

World Dance. 7:30 p.m. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1675 Chester Ave., Arcata. Humboldt Folk Dancers sponsor teaching and easy dances, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; request dancing, 8:30-10:00 p.m. \$3. g-b-deja@sbcglobal.net. www.stalbansarcata.org.

MOVIES

Gremlins (1984). 8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Oh my god, just follow the directions the Chinese guy gave you. \$5. www.arcatatheatre.com.

MUSIC

Piet Dalmolen, Solo Guitar. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 S. Westhaven Drive. Acting as a "one man band," Dalmolen uses loops and effects to create unique interpretations of classic songs from all genres. A holiday and end of decade party. Refreshments available. \$5-20 sliding scale.

ETC

A Call to Yarns. Noon-1 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Knit. Chat. Relax. Free. sparsons@co.humboldt.ca.us. 822-5954.

Solidarity Fridays. 5-6 p.m. County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. Join Veterans for Peace and the North Coast People's Alliance for a peaceful protest on the courthouse lawn. www.northcoastpeoplesalliance.org.

28 Saturday

BOOKS

Craft Time. Fourth Saturday of every month, 2-5 p.m. McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Road. Join us on the fourth Saturday of the month for a fun craft. We try to make the crafts appropriate for all age levels, with some help. These are always just drop-in and create.

COMEDY

Joe Dosch Does a Weekend at the Club. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Dosch was a semifinalist on Comedy Central's *Roast Battle 2* and wrote for the channel's roasts of Rob Lowe, Justin Bieber and Bruce Willis. Featuring Dutch Savage and Stephanie Knowles. \$10. www.savagehenrymagazine.com.

LECTURE

Fort Humboldt Historic Tour. 11 a.m.-noon. Fort Humboldt State Historic Park, 3431 Fort Ave., Eureka. An easy, 45-minute stroll with a story of hope, struggle and future presidents. Explore the historic buildings and enjoy views of the Humboldt Bay. Meet at the small flag pole at the north end of the parking lot. Free. ryan.spencer@parks.ca.gov. 445-6568.

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MUSIC

Georgia Ruth & the Reverie. 8 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Featuring Georgia Ruth's original songs, both old and new, and a few favorite cover tunes. \$20, \$15 advance.

Super Diamond. 8-10 p.m. Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. The Neil Diamond tribute featuring Surreal Neil delivers a glittering, smoke-filled show performing Neil's power ballads and up-tempo hits with unrestrained enthusiasm. \$35, \$25 advance, \$350 VIP table for 6. www.bluelakecasino.com. (877) 252-2946.

FOR KIDS

Story Time with Kathy Frye. Fourth Saturday of every month, 11-11:30 a.m. Rio Dell Library, 715 Wildwood Ave. Featuring puppets and more designed for children ages 0-5. Free. riohuml@co.humboldt.ca.us. 764-3333.

Storytime and Crafts. 11:30 a.m. Blue Lake Library, 111 Greenwood Ave. Followed by crafts at noon. Now with a Spanish and English story every first and third Saturday. Free. blkhuml@co.humboldt.ca.us. 668-4207.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Winter Farmers' Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Fresh GMO-free foods direct from the farmers. Fruits and vegetables, humanely raised meats, pastured eggs, artisanal body products, plants, hot food stands and more.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Ken Burton for a 90-minute walk focusing on birds, plants and/or ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. Free. 826-2359.

Audubon Society Arcata Marsh Bird Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring your binoculars and meet in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata, rain or shine. Free. www.rras.org/calendar. 826-7031.

Dune Ecosystem Restoration. Every third Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Help remove invasive plants to make room for native plant diversity. Tools, gloves and snacks provided. Please bring water and wear work clothes. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. www.friendsofthedunes.org/calendar. 444-1397.

Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Work Day. 9-11 a.m. Wigi Wetlands, Behind the Bayshore Mall, Eureka. Help restore bird-friendly habitat by removing scotch broom, other invasive plants and trash from a stretch of the bay trail right behind the Bayshore Mall. Meet at the back of parking lot between Kohl's and Sportsman's Warehouse. Tools and gloves provided, or bring your own. Light refreshments, water and coffee available. Please bring your own containers. Free. jeremy.cashen@yahoo.com. www.rras.org/home.aspx. (214) 605-7368.

ETC

Stitches in the Stacks. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Hang out with other knitters and crocheters. Bring your latest project and join in. All levels welcome. The library's programs and services are intended to be accessible to people with disabilities. Free. www.humlib.org. 269-1905.

Women's Peace Vigil. Noon-1 p.m. County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. Dress in warm clothing and bring your own chair. No perfume, please. Free. 269-7044.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Standard League. 1-4 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your decks and claim your prizes. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

29 Sunday

MOVIES

Spaceballs (1987). 6 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. May the Schwartz be with you. \$5. www.arcatatheatre.com.

MUSIC

All Seasons Orchestra Spring Concert. 5:30 p.m. Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. Free, donations appreciated. www.eurekawomansclub.org.

Bayside Community Hall Music Project. 6-8 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Bandemonium, community activist street band. Bring wind instruments and drums. Free. gregg@relevantmusic.org. www.relevant-music.org/Bayside. 499-8516.

FOR KIDS

Lego Club. 12:30-2 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. For ages 4 and up. Free w/museum admission. www.discovery-museum.org.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

SPORTS

Sunday NFL. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Watch the games on the giant screen. Free w/\$5 food/bev purchase. www.arcatatheatre.com.

ETC

Pokémon Trade and Play. 3-5 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your cards to play or learn. Free. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

30 Monday

BOOKS

Writing Group. 4-5:30 p.m. Old Town Coffee & Chocolates, 211 F St., Eureka. Authors and authors-to-be supporting one another weekly, from plotting to publication. RSVP by text or email. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. www.oldtowncoffeereureka.com. 497-9039.

COMEDY

Improv Show. 6-7:45 p.m. Old Town Coffee & Chocolates, 211 F St., Eureka. Watch or play fun improv games. Audience suggestions taken for scenes, plays, films, songs and more. Clean comedy. All ages welcome. Free. damionpanther@gmail.com. www.oldtowncoffeereureka.com. 497-9039.

Monday Night Pod. 7-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Live recordings of podcasts on the Savage Henry Podcast Network. Usually two recordings 7 and 9 p.m. Free. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864.

DANCE

Baile Terapia. 7-8 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Paso a Paso hosts dance therapy. Free. jorge.matias@stjoe.org. 441-4477.

MUSIC

Humboldt Harmonaires. 7-9:30 p.m. Eureka High School, 1915 J St. Sing four-part men's a cappella barbershop harmony, no experience needed. All voice levels and ages welcome. In the EHS band room located in the rear with parking at Del Norte and J streets. Free. SrJoePapa@gmail.com. 834-0909.

Join the Scotia Band. 7:30-9 p.m. Fortuna High School,

379 12th St. Woodwind, brass and percussion musicians (intermediate level and above) of all ages are invited. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Fortuna High Band Room and performs publicly throughout the year. Free. thescotiaband@yahoo.com. www.scotiaband2.org. 599-4872.

MEETINGS

Volunteer Orientation. 2:30 p.m. Food for People, 307 W. 14th St., Eureka. Learn to pack and sort food, work with clients, collect donations and cook. panderson@foodforpeople.org.

SPORTS

Monday Night NFL. 4:30-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Watch the game on the giant screen. Free w/\$5 food/bev purchase. www.arcatatheatre.com.

31 Tuesday

COMEDY

Trivia Tuesdays. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Teams of three. Three rounds. Real prizes. \$5 team entry fee. editor@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com. 845-8864.

DANCE

Let's Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Live music. All ages. \$6. www.facebook.com/humboldt.grange. 725-5323.

FOR KIDS

Family Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. A rotating group of storytellers entertain children ages 2-6 and parents at Fortuna Library. Free. www.humlib.org. 725-3460.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

New Year's Eve Honky Tonk Hootenanny. 5 p.m.-1 a.m. E&O Lanes, 1417 Glendale Drive, Blue Lake. Featuring Barn Fire and Rooster McClintock. Early show 5 p.m. Late show 9 p.m. \$10.

New Year's Eve Party. 5 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Celebrate New Year's Eve in the remodeled canteen at the Arcata Vets Hall. Music, dancing, pool, shuffleboard and more.

NYE 2020 - Intergalactic Glow Party. 8 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. BangData, RadioActive & True Justice, Mr. Rogers, Mark Starr (DIRTYBIRD), Nima G (Trippy Ass Technologies), Sacre Cheu, DJ Soules, Marjo Lak, D'vinity and more. \$45-\$75.

Roaring '20s New Year Bash. 9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Free Champagne toast at midnight. Performances by the ATL dance team. Line-Up TBA. \$15-\$25, \$10 early bird. www.arcatatheatre.com.

Roaring '20s New Year's Eve Dance. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Two Rooms for swing and fusion dancing. All ages, Martinelli toasts, balloon drop, concessions, 1920's costume contest, photo booth and more. Swing and fusion lessons 8 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets at Wildberries, The Works, People's Records and at the door. \$12.

The Roaring '20s Family-Friendly Street Fair. 4-9 p.m. The SpeakEasy, 411 Opera Alley, Eureka. The Speakeasy presents retro fun on the block. 444-2244.

The Undercovers - a Tribute to Queen. 9 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. Ring in the New Year with Humboldt's favorite cover band in a special tribute to Queen. Free. www.bluelakecasino.com.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbers. 6:15 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328

Campton Road, Eureka. Humboldt Cribbage Club plays weekly. Seven games in summer and nine games during the season. \$8. grasshopper60@aol.com. 444-3161.

ETC

Bingo. 6 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Speed bingo, early and regular games. Doors open at 5 p.m. Games \$1-\$10.

Board Game Night. 6-9 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Choose from a variety of games or bring your own. All ages. Free. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

Ferndale Cribbage. 10 a.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 425 Shaw Ave., Ferndale. Cards and pegs.

Katie's Krafters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Arcata Senior Dining Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. See Dec. 26 listing.

Pokémon Trade and Play. 3-6 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. See Dec. 29 listing.

1 Wednesday

COMEDY

Open Mikey. 9-11:45 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Hosted by Nando Molina, Jessica Grant and Josh Barnes. Sign up early. For beginners and seasoned comics. Free. peter@savagehenrymagazine.com. www.savagehenrymagazine.com/events. 798-6333.

MUSIC

Gunsafe, Lyndsey Battle, Belles of the Levee, Dead Bird Son. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Country, bluegrass, folk, jazz. \$6-\$20.

Sweet Harmony Women's Chorus. 6-8 p.m. Arcata United Methodist Church, 1761 11th St. All-female barbershop-style chorus that sings a variety of music in four-part, a cappella harmonies. Accepting new members. Ability to read music not required. barbershophumboldt@gmail.com. (802) 490-9455, 601-8219.

OUTDOORS

Free Community Paddle Day w/Kayak Trinidad. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Big Lagoon County Park, Big Lagoon County Park Road, Trinidad. Bring your own boat or board or reserve one free by Dec. 30. Bring lunch to eat on the beach spit. All ages and abilities welcome. Dress for the day's weather and bring water, sunglasses, change of clothes and a towel. Free. reservations@kayaktrinidad.com. www.kayaktrinidad.com. 329-0085.

Guided Nature Walk. First Wednesday of every month, 9 a.m. Richard J. Guadagno Visitor Center, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Familiarize yourself with local flora and fauna on a 2-mile walk. Binoculars available at the visitor's center. Free. www.fws.gov/refuge/humboldt_bay. 733-5406.

New Year Walk. 10 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leaders Lynn Jones and Alexa DeJoannison on the porch of the Interpretive Center (building may be closed for the holiday) on South G Street for a 1.5-hour rain-or-shine walk. Free. 826-2359.

ETC

Casual Magic. 4-9 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. Bring your decks and connect with the local Magic community. Beginners welcome. Door prizes and drawings. \$5. nugamesonline@gmail.com. www.nugamesonline.com. 497-6358.

Family Night. 4-7 p.m. Blood Bank, 2524 Harrison Ave, Eureka. The Blood Bank will make dinner and watch the kids while you donate. Free. recruit@nccbb.org. www.nccbb.org. 443-8004.

2 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing Group. 7-9 p.m. Cheri Blackerby Gallery, 272 C St., Eureka. See Dec. 26 listing.

Playing into Transformation. 3-4:30 p.m. The Connection HPRC, 334 F St. (former Bank of America building), Eureka. See Dec. 26 listing.

COMEDY

ETV. First Thursday of every month, 9-11:45 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Comedian Evan Vest scours the bottom of the internet to find the weirdest videos and a panel of comedians riff on them. Free. www.savagehenrymagazine.com/events. 798-6333.

DANCE

Redwood Fusion Partner Dance. 7-10 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. See Dec. 26 listing.

MUSIC

Humboldt Folklife Society Sing-along. First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Sing your favorite folk, rock and pop songs of the 1960s with Joel Sonenshein. Songbooks are provided. Free. joel@asis.com.

FOR KIDS

Creative Reuse Art Camps. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Suite D, Arcata. Welcome the new year by exploring creative reuse and two essential elements of art and principles of design: color and pattern. \$35. education@scraphumboldt.org. www.scraphumboldt.org/programs/camp. 822-2452.

Trinidad Library Toddler Storytime. 10-11 a.m. Trinidad Library, 380 Janis Court. See Dec. 26 listing.

ETC

Katie's Krafters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Arcata Senior Dining Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. See Dec. 26 listing.

Standard Magic Tournament. 6-10 p.m. NuGames Eureka, 1662 Myrtle Ave. #A. See Dec. 26 listing.

Heads Up ...

Humboldt Waste Management Authority and its partners in waste management are accepting Christmas trees for disposal at no charge throughout Humboldt County. Trees accepted at the Hawthorne Street Transfer Station beginning Dec. 26 through Jan. 16, 2020. Recology of Humboldt, Humboldt Sanitation and others are providing additional drop-off services. For more information, visit www.hwma.net.

The 20/20 Vision: 20th Anniversary Fine Art Photography Competition and Exhibition, open to all photographers, is accepting submissions in person on Wednesday, Jan. 15, noon-5 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

Hospice of Humboldt seeks volunteers for office support, community outreach, thrift store staff and more. Call 267-9813.

Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay has six monetary awards and/or scholarships available. Visit www.soroptimistofhumboltdbay.org.

Friends of the Arcata Marsh and the city of Arcata seek welcome desk volunteers for weekends at the Marsh Interpretive Center. Shifts are four hours, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 826-2359 or email amic@cityofarcata.org.

Fabon Artist Fund now accepting applications. Grant guidelines are posted at www.humboldtarts.org. Email jemima@humboldtarts.org or 442-0278, extension 205. ●

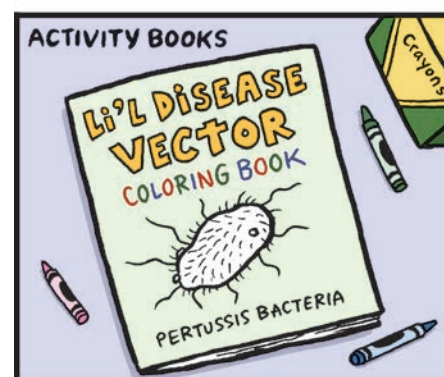
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GET WELL GIFTS FOR THE UNVACCINATED



I mean, I would totally
buy this cologne.
*Star Wars: The Rise of
Skywalker*

End of Empire

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, *Bombshell* and *Cats*

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Reviews

STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER. A friend recently referred to me as the *Star Wars* Grinch — for the sake of full transparency, he said it in a text and called me both a “gronch” and a grinch — which is earned and fair, if not entirely accurate. This was in response, after all, to my statement that I had just watched the latest *Star Wars* and “I don’t care at all,” which kind of sums up my feelings about the whole enterprise, in this moment.

In my own defense, though, I would make the distinction that I don’t hate *Star Wars*, or even the weird cult of fandom surrounding it. I have the fondest of memories of watching the original, pre-digital-facelift trilogy on cable on a seemingly endless loop around the holidays. I stood in line like everybody else (except the true believers who camped out on the sidewalk) to buy tickets for the prequels. But as the gross commercialization of the franchise has become all consuming and as some disturbing social tendencies have emerged among the faithful, I’ve come to realize that one is either In or Out; I guess I’m out.

This new understanding has been complicated (and to an extent mitigated) by the disconcerting push/pull of these final three installments and the collective reaction thereto. The audience was prepared to kill for *The Force Awakens* (2015); I was decidedly non-plussed. I loved Rian Johnson’s *The Last Jedi* (2017); the audience (or a faction, anyway) reacted with great anger and threatened to kill its creator. Similarly, I thought *Rogue One* (2016) did interesting, original things within the *Star Wars* universe (I know, I know, it’s non-canonical; put away the poison pens) but the same audience reacted with resounding negativity and not more than a little racism and misogyny.

And so we arrive at *The Rise of Skywalker*, which is acted by a tremendous cast, boasts the greatest effects of all time and has a few rousing sequences in it and about which I do not care at all. I got through it, though my mind drifted, as it does in those hours when sleep is elusive,

to stupid song lyrics and to-do lists and the weightless, clinging minutiae of the day.

Much of the charm of the original trilogy was born of necessity-bred invention, practical effects, of working within the limitations of budget and the technology of the day. George Lucas quite obviously blew all of that up with the prequels and one would think J.J. Abrams, nostalgic synthesist of style that he is, might have corrected the course. In some ways he did, essentially rehashing the events of Episodes IV–VI and recalling the aesthetic of their universe. But he also set into motion so many strands of story and felt compelled to put all the money on screen during the battle sequences, that by the end it all feels like too much and not enough. Just because one *can* depict 10,000 spaceships falling from the sky simultaneously does not necessarily mean one should. And therein, to me, lies the rub: *The Rise of Skywalker* is so visually and narratively cacophonous that the story, the emotional moments within it, the performances that should carry it, are all but drowned out. PG. 141M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

BOMBSHELL. Beyond a brief sketch of its plot, its formidable cast and the presence of director Jay Roach, I went into this with little knowledge and no expectations. I was, of course, aware of the headlines surrounding the events upon which it is based but had not taken the time to do any deeper background. And as I know Roach primarily for the *Austin Powers* trilogy, I couldn’t really formulate a hypothesis as to how he would handle the dramatization of such a recent occurrence. But he has clearly studied and matured as a director in the intervening decades, and *Bombshell* is, in short, incredible — one of the best movies I’ve seen this year.

I’ve long considered Fox News the ultimate corruption of the Fourth Estate, a necrotic limb that should be amputated and burned to ensure the end of its malignancy. But I had only a vague notion as to how vile, restrictive and manipulative a fiefdom Roger Ailes had built; *Bombshell*



opens all the closet doors.

In 2016 anchor Gretchen Carlson (Nicole Kidman), fired by Ailes (John Lithgow) basically for not toeing the line to his satisfaction, seizes the opportunity to sue him personally and expose the legacy of sexual abuse that defined his reign. Megyn Kelly (Charlize Theron), for so long ascendant and seemingly bulletproof within the organization, finds herself in a war of words with a certain New York-based cretin running for president and begins to question her loyalty to that organization, along with the man who would be its king. Kayla Pospisil (Margot Robbie), the only fictional character among the leads, ambitious and very much drinking the company Kool-Aid, learns quickly what sort of hideous sacrifices will be required to climb the ladder.

The style and dignity of *Bombshell* are significant attributes, indeed, but it would be nothing without a tremendous script by Charles Randolph. Still, the cast is the real revelation here, bringing villains and victims to life with unrivaled nuance. It’s a formidable work of art and of journalism, and it feels essential to me. R. 108M. BROADWAY.

CATS. My wife and I had never walked out of a movie until an hour into this ridiculous nightmare. (Editor’s note: Meow.) PG. 110M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

— John J. Bennett is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase and prefers he/him pronouns.

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Opening

LITTLE WOMEN. Director Greta Gerwig brings back shawls with the Louisa May Alcott novel with Emma Watson, Saoirse Ronan, Laura Dern and Timothée Chalamet. PG. 134M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

SPIES IN DISGUISE. Karen Gillan, Will Smith and Tom Holland voice an animated comedy-adventure about a spy who’s turned into a pigeon. Yeah, I got nothing. PG. 101M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

UNCUT GEMS. Adam Sandler is under pressure in New York’s diamond district as a jeweler trying to make the deal of a lifetime. R. 135M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

Continuing

BLACK CHRISTMAS. Holiday college slasher with sorority girls arming up against creepy hooded baddies. Starring Imogen Poots and Cary Elwes. PG13. 92M. BROADWAY.

FROZEN 2. Elsa and Anna return for more snowbound sisterly adventure and to put that song back in your head. PG. 104M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL. Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart are literally back in the game, which is glitching. PG13. 123M. BROADWAY, FORTUNA, MILL CREEK.

KNIVES OUT. Director Rian Johnson’s tightly controlled whodunnit both pays homage to and raises the stakes of classic mystery with a stellar cast. Starring Daniel Craig, Ana de Armas, Jamie Lee Curtis and Chris Evans. PG13. 130M. BROADWAY.

LINDA RONSTADT: THE SOUND OF MY VOICE. Documentary about the iconic singer. With Bonnie Raitt and Dolly Parton, so go and be blessed. PG13. 95M. MINIPLEX.

REDOUBT. Matthew Barney experiments with movement as language on a hunt in the mountains of Idaho. NR. 134M. MINIPLEX.

RICHARD JEWELL. Clint Eastwood’s real-life drama takes damaging liberties with true events, especially for the late Kathy, and succeeds best as fiction, given its economical shooting and editing, and its strong performances, especially from Paul Walter, who plays the wrongly pinned security guard. R. 131M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

— Jennifer Fumiko Cahill ●

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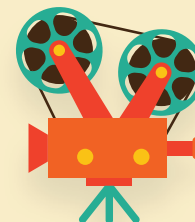
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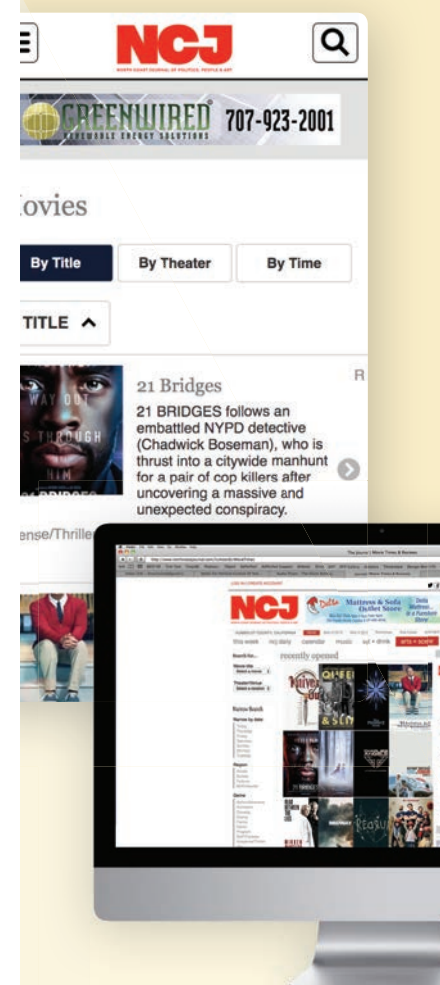
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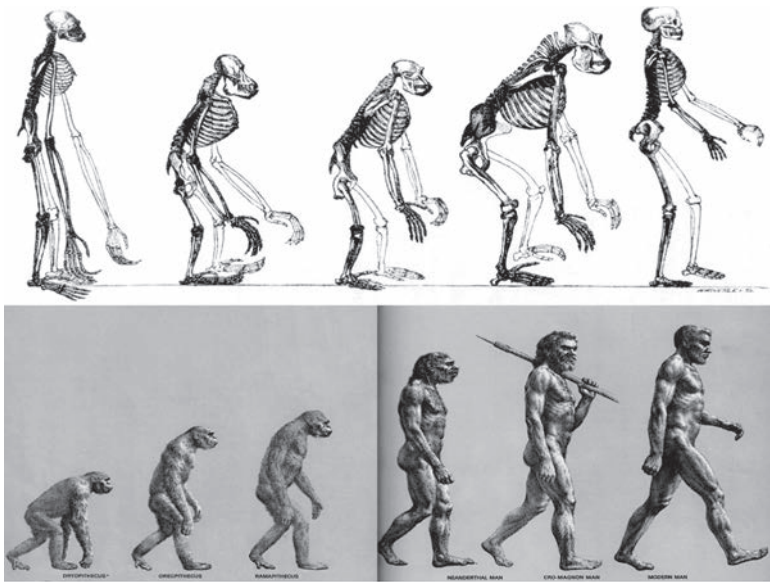


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Above: When Thomas Huxley included this illustration in his *Evidence as to Man's Place in Nature* in 1863, he inadvertently gave us the template for an endless succession of “evolution = progress” T-shirts. Below: “The March of Progress” presents 25 million years of human evolution. This fallacious image was created for the *Life Nature Library*, published in 1965.

Evolution Isn't Progress!

Part 2

By Barry Evans

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Last week, I discussed the fallacy of thinking of evolution as a progressive process, that is, simple to complex, “lower” to “higher” animals, culminating, of course, in humans. The theory, “orthogenesis,” (from the Greek “straight origin”) is the opposite of randomness. Orthogenesis presumes that the variation from one generation to the next is directed toward a fixed goal; the accompanying unscientific illustrations make the point succinctly.

“Directed” means different things to different people. For some, it’s a purely mechanical process, while others see a sentient director behind evolution, either God or some mysterious, undefined “life force.” If you’re familiar with Teilard de Chardin’s philosophy, think “Omega Point” as the ultimate goal.

Still others — 38 percent of Americans, according to a 2017 Gallup poll — skip evolution completely when it comes to humans, believing “God created humans in their present form at one time within the last 10,000 years.” (Grasping for a silver lining: Five years earlier it was 46 percent.)

The seductive notion of evolutionary progress has persisted since Charles Darwin published *Origin of Species* in 1859. Even Darwin didn’t totally accept evolution as a random, non-directed process, writing, “as natural selection works solely by and for the good of each being, all corporeal and mental endowments will tend to progress towards perfection.”

And starting with Thomas Huxley’s ape-to-human template four years later (see illustration), we’ve been subjected to countless images that reinforce the notion of evolution as progress, including the accompanying image from the *Life Nature Library*. Or check out the multitudes of contemporary T-shirts depicting (starting image, left side) bacterium/fish/chimpanzee evolving into (ending image, right side) smartphone user/cyclist/Ironman.

No wonder the popular belief in evolutionary progress is “a persistent heresy,” quoting zoologist Igor Popov. The sequence — from primitive something to advanced something — just looks so right. It’s “one of the most intriguing, and most misleading, drawings in the modern history of science,” according to writer Jennifer Tucker.

The mechanism of heredity has neither memory nor ability to see the future. That means there’s no “tree of life” with humans at the top. (A better, but still imperfect, metaphor is that of a bush with many living twigs and many, many more extinct twigs.) Whether we’re talking about original Darwinian evolution or the modern evolutionary synthesis of the 1940s that made biology a professional science, forget the T-shirt caricature. Evolution is (drum roll) a random process! ●

Barry Evans (barryevans9@yahoo.com) wonders why he still has to write about this. He prefers he/him pronouns.

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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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14. Have another birthday
15. Je ne sais ____
16. Jumping-in-a-puddle sound
17. "Leave the joke-telling to me"
19. "Wuthering Heights" author
20. Old-school "Fuhgeddaboutit!"
21. Astronaut Jemison
22. ____ Lanka
23. Ax and adz
24. "Yeah, that girl was definitely crying"
27. Bad place for a frog
29. Jackhammer product
30. Rock's ____ Fighters
33. Brief writer, briefly
34. Admits
37. "Together, you and I can physically prevent me from talking"
41. Archenemy of the Fantastic Four
42. "Letters From ____ Jima"
43. "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
44. Toilet paper layer
45. Hits bottom?
48. "That woman is up for using a rod and reel"
51. Otherworldly
55. Mars : Roman :: ____ : Norse
56. Without it, Earth is just "Eh"
57. It may have a hook
58. What a pop-up link might lead to
60. "That man is looking to put someone out of a job"
62. "ASAP!"
63. Archipelago part
64. Giorgio's god
65. 2017 Tony winner "Dear Evan ____"
66. Hit 100, say
67. Tax ID
- DOWN
1. Coat that's hard to take off
2. "I" pad?
3. Ashton Kutcher TV role
4. Game played with a dotted ball
5. What you might do with gas or a fist
6. "____-hool!"
7. What Marcie calls
- Peppermint Patty in "Peanuts"
8. "There's no such thing ____ publicity"
9. Terse cop order
10. Teléfono greeting
11. Meeting of the minds
12. "Ad ____" (2019 Brad Pitt movie)
13. Hurston's "____ Eyes Were Watching God"
18. "NBC Nightly News" anchor Lester
21. Convened
24. President's annual delivery to Cong.
25. Quaint gestures of gratitude
26. Jackson 5 brother
28. Barack's first chief of staff
30. DVD remote button
31. Opposite of 'neath
32. Nonagenarian, for one
34. Largest city on the Rhone
35. Suffix with señor
36. Org. with Sharks and Penguins
38. Laze
39. Starbucks offering
40. [Kiss!]
45. Plop down
46. Capsized, with "over"
47. Introvert's focus
48. Kind of infection
49. Monster slain by Hercules
50. A/C cooling agent
52. PEDs, in slang
53. Actor Elba
54. "Keep your ____ the ball"
57. French miss: Abbr.
59. ____ and outs
60. Casual greetings
61. Psychic gift

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On 1/21/2020 at 11:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/17/2004, as Instrument No. 2004-31582-19, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Humboldt County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: HEATHER L BENDALL, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH ST., EUREKA, CA 95501 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2147 PLUNKETT ROAD BAYSIDE, CALIFORNIA 95524-9701 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$300,330.44 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this prop-

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12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (19-365)

PUBLIC SALE

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Denise Watson, Space # 5248

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Barbara Anderson, Space # 2513
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Dixie Rogers, Space # 3114

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Isabel Reynoza, Space # 1169
Meagan Carter, Space # 1712
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Malgorzata Paczkowska, Space #200
Gary Upshaw, Space # 268
Laurence Evans, Space # 546
Derick Kirby, Space # 789

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Martin Wood, Space # 6108
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Per Norell, Space # 9330

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Matthew Johnson, Space # 4121
Jose Corona, Space # 4306
Kristina Crummett, Space # 4316
Joseph Blankenship, Space # 4326 (Held in Co. Unit)
Michael McGee, Space # 4329
David Dematos, Space # 4504
Eric Couch, Space # 4542

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Wendy Ward, Space # 6319
Simon Meyers, Space # 6440

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Auctioneer: Kim Santsche, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2020 and 9th day of January, 2020

12/26, 1/2 (19-367)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 19-00675

The following person is doing Business as
HUMBOLDT CHOCOLATE

Humboldt
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Arcata, CA 95521
PO Box 1206
Eureka, CA 95502

**JHG Enterprises, LLC
CA 201321910247
2670 Jacoby Creek Rd
Bayside, CA 95524**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Jonah Ginsburg, President/CEO
This November 25, 2019
KELLY E. SANDERS
by kt, Humboldt County Clerk

12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-355)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 19-00676

The following person is doing Business as
EUREKA FLORIST

Humboldt
524 Henderson St
Eureka, CA 95501

LEGAL NOTICES					
Linda I Ferguson 2542 C St Eureka, CA 95501 The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ Linda Ferguson, Owner This November 26, 2019 KELLY E. SANDERS by kt, Humboldt County Clerk 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-358)	The business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ Kathleen V Smith, Proprietor This December 5, 2019 KELLY E. SANDERS by sc, Humboldt County Clerk 12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (19-363)	Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ Amanda Hutchinson, Owner This December 10, 2019 KELLY E. SANDERS by ss, Humboldt County Clerk 12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (19-364)	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 19-00701 The following person is doing Business as PHYL'N JUICE Humboldt 100 Ericson Ct, Ste 120 Arcata, CA 95521 PO Box 3015 McKinleyville, CA 95519	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ACACIA HATTEN, ANTHONY RAYA CASE NO. CV1900991 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501 PETITION OF: ACACIA HATTEN, ANTHONY RAYA for a decree changing names as follows: Present name ADAIN JACOB HATTEN to Proposed Name ADAIN JACOB RAYA THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: December 27, 2019 Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 Date: November 6, 2019 Filed: November 6, 2019 /s/ Kelly L. Neel Judge of the Superior Court 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26 (19-352)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME JODIE SUE ELLIS CASE NO. CV1901254 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501 PETITION OF: JODIE SUE ELLIS for a decree changing names as follows: Present name JODIE SUE ELLIS to Proposed Name ELLA HOLLIDAY THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: February 7, 2020 Time: 1:45 p.m., Dept. 4 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 Date: December 17, 2019 Filed: December 17, 2019 /s/ Kelly L. Neel Judge of the Superior Court 12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16 (19-368)
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 19-00679 The following person is doing Business as HOOVEN & SPINKS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT Humboldt 1806 H Street Arcata, CA 95521	Audrie L Kuhl 2189 Riverwalk Dr. Fortuna, CA 95540 The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ Audrie Kuhl, Owner This December 6, 2019 KELLY E. SANDERS by ss, Humboldt County Clerk 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-361)	Donna M Lowe 8125 Elk River Rd. Eureka, CA 95503 The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s/ Donna M. Lowe This December 9, 2019 KELLY E. SANDERS by sc, Humboldt County Clerk 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-360)	STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. R-1500329 The following person have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name ESSEX STUDIO Humboldt 2841 E Street Eureka, CA 95501 The fictitious business name was filed in HUMBOLDT County on June 1, 2015 Shannon Vleming 2835 Ocean Ave Eureka, CA 95501 This business was conducted by: An Individual /s/ Shannon R Vleming, Owner This state was filed with the HUMBOLDT County Clerk on the date December 9, 2019 I hereby certify that this copy is true and correct copy of the original statement on file in my office Kelly E. Sanders s/ sc, Deputy Clerk Humboldt County Clerk 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (19-359)		
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 19-00689 The following person is doing Business as ABUNDANCE UPCYCLE BOUTIQUE Humboldt 5000 Valley West Arcata, CA 95521 PO Box 2631 McKinleyville, CA 95519 Eugene, OR 97401	Amanda N Hutchinson 2136 Hacienda St Redding, CA 96003 The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare the all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 19-00709 The following person is doing Business as E-Z LANDING RV PARK & MARINA Humboldt 1875 Buhne Drive Eureka, CA 95503	LEGALS? County Public Notices Fictitious Business Petition to Administer Estate Trustee Sale Other Public Notices classified@northcoastjournal.com 442-1400 x314		

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Free Will Astrology

Week of Dec. 26, 2019

By Rob Breznsy

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Nazi Germany invaded and occupied Denmark during World War II. In 1943, Hitler ordered all Danish Jews to be arrested — a first step in his plan to send them to concentration camps. But the Danish resistance movement leapt into action and smuggled virtually all of them to safety via fishing boats bound for Sweden. As a result, 8,000+ Danish Jews survived the Holocaust. You may not have the opportunity to do anything quite as heroic in 2020, Aries. But I expect you will have chances to express a high order of practical idealism that could be among your noblest and most valiant efforts ever. Draw inspiration from the Danish resistance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): When she was 31, Taurus writer Charlotte Brontë finished writing her novel *Jane Eyre*. She guessed it would have a better chance of getting published if its author was thought to be a man. So she adopted the masculine pen name of Currer Bell and sent the manuscript unsolicited to a London publisher. Less than eight weeks later, her new book was in print. It quickly became a commercial success. I propose that we make Brontë one of your role models for 2020, Taurus. May she inspire you to be audacious in expressing yourself and confident in seeking the help you need to reach your goals. May she embolden you, too, to use ingenious stratagems to support your righteous cause.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): 2020 can and should be a lyrically healing year for you. Here's what I mean: Beauty and grace will be curative. The "medicine" you need will come to you via poetic and mellifluous experiences. With this in mind, I encourage you to seek out encounters with the following remedies. 1. Truth Whimsies 2. Curiosity Breakthroughs 3. Delight Gambles 4. Sacred Amusements 5. Redemptive Synchronicities 6. Surprise Ripenings 7. Gleeful Discoveries 8. Epiphany Adventures 9. Enchantment Games 10. Elegance Eruptions 11. Intimacy Angels 12. Playful Salvation 13. Luminosity Spells

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "There are years that ask questions and years that answer," wrote author Zora Neale Hurston. According to my astrological analysis, Cancerian, 2020 is likely to be one of those years that asks questions, while 2021 will be a time when you'll get rich and meaningful answers to the queries you'll pose in 2020. To ensure that this plan works out for your maximum benefit, it's essential that you formulate provocative questions in the coming months. At first, it's fine if you generate too many. As the year progresses, you can whittle them down to the most ultimate and important questions. Get started!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The Roman Emperor Vespasian (9-79 AD) supervised the restoration of the Temple of Peace, the Temple of Claudius and the Theater of Marcellus. He also built a huge statue of Apollo and the amphitheater now known as the Colosseum, whose magnificent ruins are still a major tourist attraction. Vespasian also created a less majestic but quite practical wonder: Rome's first public urinals. In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you Leos to be stimulated by his example in 2020. Be your usual magnificent self as you generate both inspiring beauty and earthy, pragmatic improvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When Virgo author Mary Shelley was 18 years old, she had a disconcerting dream-like vision about a mad chemist who created a weird human-like creature out of non-living matter. She set about to write a book based on her mirage. At age 20, she published *Frankenstein*, a novel that would ultimately wield a huge cultural influence and become a seminal work in the "science fiction" genre. I propose we make Shelley one of your role models for 2020. Why? Because I suspect that you, too, will have the power to transform a challenging event or influence into an important asset. You'll be able to generate or attract a new source of energy by responding creatively to experiences that initially provoke anxiety.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Libra-born mystic poet Rumi (1207-1273) wrote that he searched for holy sustenance and divine inspiration in temples, churches, and mosques — but couldn't find them there. The good news? Because of his disappointment, he was motivated to go on an inner quest — and ultimately found holy sustenance and divine inspiration in his own heart. I've got a strong feeling that you'll have similar experiences in 2020, Libra. Not on every occasion, but much of the time, you will discover the treasure you need and long for not in the outside world but rather in your own depths.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Among his many accomplishments, Scorpio rapper Drake is an inventive rhymers. In his song "Diplomatic Immunity," he rhymes "sacred temple" with "stencil." Brilliant! Other rhymes: "statistics" with "ballistics"; "Treaty of Versailles" with "no cease and desist in I"; and — my favorite — "Al Jazeera" (the Qatar-based news source) with "Shakira" (the Colombian singer). According to my analysis of the astrological omens in 2020, many of you Scorpios will have Drake-style skill at mixing and blending seemingly disparate elements. I bet you'll also be good at connecting influences that belong together but have never been able to combine before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sagittarian poet Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926) embodied a trait that many astrology textbooks suggest is common to the Sagittarian tribe: wanderlust. He was born in Prague but traveled widely throughout Europe and Russia. If there were a Guinness World Records category for "Time Spent as a Houseguest," Rilke might hold it. There was a four-year period when he lived at 50 different addresses. I'm going to be bold here and hypothesize that 2020 will NOT be one of those years when you would benefit from being like Rilke. In fact, I hope you'll seek out more stability and security than usual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Fifteenth-century Italian metalworker Lorenzo Ghiberti worked for 28 years to turn the Doors of the Florence Baptistery into a massive work of art. He used bronze to create numerous scenes from the Bible. His fellow artist Michelangelo was so impressed that he said Ghiberti's doors could have served as "The Gates of Paradise." I offer Ghiberti as inspiration for your life in 2020, Capricorn. I think you'll be capable of beginning a masterwork that could take quite some time to complete and serve as your very own "gate to paradise": in other words, an engaging project and delightful accomplishment that will make you feel your life is eminently meaningful and worthwhile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're wise to cultivate a degree of skepticism and even contrariness. Like all of us, your abilities to say NO to detrimental influences and to criticize bad things are key to your mental health. On the other hand, it's a smart idea to keep checking yourself for irrelevant, gratuitous skepticism and contrariness. You have a sacred duty to maintain just the amount you need, but no more — even as you foster a vigorous reservoir of receptivity, optimism, and generosity. And guess what? 2020 will be an excellent time to make this one of your cornerstone habits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Dante Alighieri (1265-1321) finished writing *The Divine Comedy* in 1320. Today it's considered one of the supreme literary accomplishments in the Italian language and a classic of world literature. But no one ever read the entire work in the English language until 1802, when it was translated for the first time. Let's invoke this as a metaphor for your life in the coming months, Pisces. According to my visions, a resource or influence that has previously been inaccessible to you will finally arrive in a form you can understand and use. Some wisdom that has been untranslatable or unreadable will at last be available. ●

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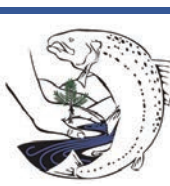
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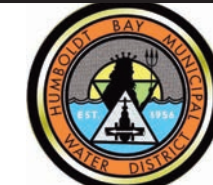
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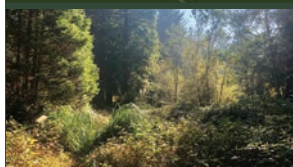
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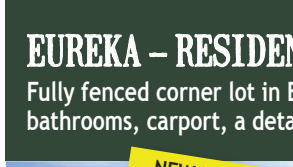
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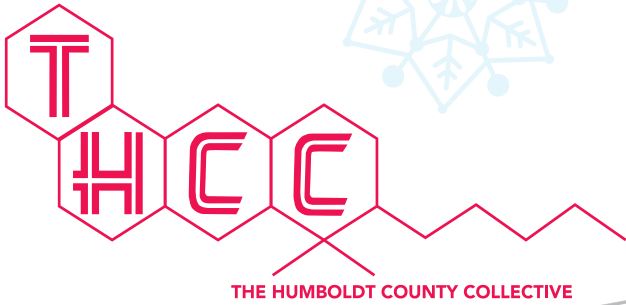
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